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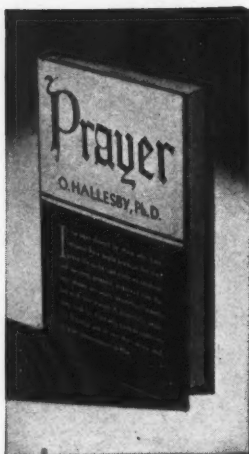
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THE DEFENDER MAGAZINE

DECEMBER 1938

A TALK WITH THE EDITOR

SPACE in The Defender Magazine is precious.

It is a matter of permanent editorial policy, to release twelve to fifteen "meaty" articles in every issue, in addition to the several regular departments. Manuscripts dealing with a wide variety of subjects are carefully chosen from the large assortment which goes across the editorial desk from month to month.

We have never found it necessary to parade the attainments of the Magazine. But many friends have been kind in their comments. They have referred to it as "the most widely read religious journal in the world", "a great prophetic voice", "read more thoroughly by Ministers than any other magazine before the public", "militantly patriotic, deeply spiritual, scholarly and true to the faith", "a pioneer in Christian thought", etc.

A Magazine many times the size of The Defender could be filled every month, with letters of sincere appreciation — testimonials regarding spiritual help and valuable information derived by reading its pages. These letters pour in by the thousands from each of the forty-eight States, every Province in Canada and many other nations scattered over the earth. Every such letter is deeply appreciated, carefully read and fully answered.

The editorial courage of The Defender in defending Christian truth, during the present crisis when the fate

of the Church of Jesus Christ is hanging in the balances, naturally excites aversion in certain quarters. *We are sometimes flattered by the type of enemies we make!*

It has not been necessary, at any time, to utilize valuable space in answering falsehoods, like those circulated for instance, by the Jewish radio commentator Walter Winchell, Mr. William Allen White, the Communist *Daily Worker* and the Rev. K. L. Brooks.

However, our reluctance to waste space, time and printer's ink on professional "smeared" doesn't mean, for a minute, that answers to their tirades are not available!

We are simply too busy, too secure in the knowledge of the ultimate triumph of our ideals, to become "worked up" over the frothings of persons who are paid to vent their spleen against us.

We are on the winning side of a great moral, spiritual and prophetic trend. Twenty years ago, we were discussing the very changes which are now taking place in the world.

A California business man said recently: "I am reading in the newspapers now, what I read in The Defender Magazine ten years ago."

A United States Senator said a few days ago, that Defender literature is ten years ahead of the times. He is mistaken. We are simply keeping abreast with developments, by systematically adapting the message of the prophetic Scriptures to the age in which we live.

We are trying faithfully to interpret the "signs of the times", as described in Matthew 16:3. One of the distinctions that the Magazine enjoys, is its ability to bring to the attention of the Christian public, certain *hidden causes* which are working from BEHIND THE SCENES.

Radical, Communist and subsidized writers who resort to the use of absolute falsehoods, in attempting to build up an utterly erroneous opinion of our labors in the public mind, fail to cause us the least anxiety. Their mud never reaches its mark. *They are known to Christian people for what they are! — cheap, hired mud-slingers, deserving of the silent contempt which they usually receive!*

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THE primary reason for devoting time and space to these matters, in the present issue of The Defender, is because a half-truth, an evil insinuation, was recently filed against us with an important committee of the United States Congress.

Ordinary clap-trap, from the poison pens of paid propagandists can well be allowed to pass, but when the integrity of a Congressional Committee becomes involved, we feel that we owe an explanation, not only to the Defender Family, but to the United States Congress as well.

Our thousands of Christian friends are entitled to know the true facts, the real background, of the two letters filed with the Martin Dies' Committee, by Mr. Homer Chaillaux, on August 17, 1938. We have withheld comment about this matter, until such time as the official text of the testimony could be made available.

Mr. Chaillaux is an active official in American Legion circles and a distinguished patriot; he possesses a brilliant mind, a rare ability to impress an audience, and has a passionate desire to see every alien "ism" destroyed in the United States, so that true Americanism may survive. I have sincere appreciation for the patriotic work in which he is engaged.

Turning now to pages 447 and 448 of the Dies Committee report, we shall review the testimony as given by Homer Chaillaux. . . .

He had answered a great many questions and placed in the record a vast amount of important material regarding the subtleties and dangers of Communistic propaganda. Then, the chairman referred to an alleged "whispering campaign" to the effect that he might be "interested in Winrod, or his views in Kansas".

Said Mr. Chaillaux: "I will be delighted to clear that up, and will read some letters for the record. Under the date of April 14, 1937, I wrote Mr. Winrod a letter on the subject. Insofar as I was concerned, I was interested in only one thing. He has written some very good articles exposing some well-known Communists who were participating in labor troubles in the United States, and who were making a racket out of those labor troubles. Here is my letter to him:

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ITEMS *to* INTEREST DEFENDERS

PRESS DISPATCH from Washington, D.C.: "Representative Martin Dies, Chairman of the House Committee investigating un-American Activities, over a nation-wide hookup of the National Broadcasting Company today, said he wanted to warn the American public against joining the following organizations because they were either originated, influenced or controlled by Communists: American League for Peace and Democracy, Workers Alliance, International Labor Defense, American Civil Liberties Union, American Student Union, and American Youth Congress."

AN APOSTATE system known as the "World Council of Churches" has been created by exponents of internationalism. The organization drew up a constitution last May, when its leaders met in Utrecht, Holland. The Presbyterian and Congregational-Christian denominations of the United States have voted to join the Council. Ten others have approved it in principle. The Southern Baptist Convention has officially gone on record as having nothing to do with it.

BOTH PROTESTANTS and Catholics were shocked one day early this year, when press reports from Washington announced that a large number of Senators and Representatives, had signed a cablegram of praise to the Communist government of Spain. The Catholic press was especially vehement in denouncing the signers. The names of some very fine men appeared on the message and this made it the more difficult to understand. It now develops that William P. Mangold, Contributing Editor to the *New Republic*, was responsible for getting the signatures.

ONCE EACH year, the *Christian Herald* publishes statistics on matters pertaining to the religious life of the Nation. This year, it reported the Roman Catholic Church as having a total membership of 21,822,688 in the United States. The largest Protestant denomination is the Baptist, with 10,322,005 members. Methodism comes second, enjoying a membership of 9,109,859.

SAID United States Senator Burke of Nebraska upon his recent return from Europe: "In the things Hitler actually is doing to bring about the well-being of the entire German people, I think that he is greater than Bismarck. He already has done more than Bismarck did for the masses of people."

EUROPEAN diplomacy is probably more tangled today than at any pre-

vious time in record history. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson, saw trouble ahead and warned against forcing nationalities together in violation of their racial impulses, as in the circumstance of Czechoslovakia. He said: "Resentment and bitterness, if not desperation, are bound to be the consequences of such provisions. It may be years before these oppressed people are able to throw off the yoke, but as sure as day follows night the time will come when they will make the effort."

THE FOREIGN MINISTER of Iraq was a recent guest of the British government in London. His name is Seyyid Tawfik al Suwaidi. He talked long and earnestly with Hore-Belisha, England's powerful Jewish Secretary of War. Seyyid Tawfik pleaded that Palestine be made an independent state like Iraq, where British influence is supreme. He suggested that further Jewish immigration be prohibited. London Zionism exploded at this suggestion and British troops were rushed to Palestine to "mop up" the Arabs.

AUTHORITATIVE reports from Washington declare that serious study is being given to a proposal, that the U.S., French and British governments work out a plan, for turning the northeast coast of South America over exclusively to Jews. Britain and France would cede their Guianas. The United States would cancel most or all, of the war debts. Holland would be paid cash by the other three governments for contributing Dutch Guiana.

OFFICIAL Washington is preparing for war in the name of "industrial preparedness". The War Department is working quietly, unspectacularly, with corporations and key industries, explaining what will be expected of them in

the event of war. Small industrial concerns are also being encouraged to write for information as to how they can best fit into the program.

IT IS interesting to watch revolutionary changes become fixed realities in the public mind, under the impact of dynamic propaganda. In the beginning, the public was told that Socialist legislation at Washington was necessary only as an "emergency", that honest employment would return, that relief would not have to be permanent, that liquor would never again flow freely, that government spending would be temporary. . . . Socialistic legislation is not being repealed. Government attacks on business make normal employment impossible. Relief, as a means for "buying" elections, has become permanent. The old saloon is back. Waste through wild spending is not being curtailed. America is on a moral downgrade!

BERNARR MACFADDEN reports through his magazine *Liberty*, that a nation-wide demand exists for the resignation of Madam Perkins, as Secretary of Labor. One reason, he asserts, is her policy of upholding Communist agitators. In 1933 the government deported 9,000 aliens as compared with only 3,294 for 1937. In 1933 more than 3,000 aliens were deported for overstaying their permits as compared with 702 for 1937.

THE LATEST scheme of the Brain Trust in connection with radio, is to demand of Congress funds with which to erect a government-owned station in the United States for propaganda purposes.

"MANY PEOPLES have borrowed our Constitution, the written document, but they have never been able to operate a government under it for the very clear reason that in their respective governments it was only a document; it was not rooted in the governmental concepts of their people. It had not grown up from that source. They had not developed a governmental ability in harmony with our Constitution, able to sustain and make it vital." Hatton W. Sumners.

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A TALK.

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"I suppose you saw all of the good publicity you received on the front pages of the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party, recently. According to those articles, you rate high on the preferred list of American Fascists. Of course, the Communist definition for Fascism applies to anyone who strictly opposes Communism."

"That's the letter", concluded Mr. Chaillaux.

A MEMBER of the Committee then asked him: "That was the only contact you ever had with him?"

"Yes, sir; and at that long distance. I would not know the man if I met him on the street."

Mr. Chaillaux may have forgotten that less than two months before this testimony was given, he had called at my office in Wichita and sat across the desk from me, for a very interesting conversation, in which we canvassed together the dangers of Fascism, Communism and other subversive movements, now boring at the foundations of the American social order.

Mr. Chaillaux next placed in the record, a letter which he had been forced, under Jewish pressure, to write me about eight months prior to the personal visit at my office. The succinct part of this communication, dated November 22, 1937, is as follows:

"I was astonished a few days ago when it was called to my attention that you were using my letter of April 14, 1937 to give the impression to various groups, before which you were speaking or seeking an opportunity to speak, that National Headquarters of The American Legion or myself as an individual had commended you for some of your addresses. This letter was in nowise intended to serve such a public purpose, nor was it one of approval of things which you have said in the past or might say in the future. . . .

"Will you be good enough to refrain from using my letter as a recommendation of the things you may say?"

There is a most interesting story of duplicity and intrigue behind the foregoing letter, which compares favorably with the usual line of smear articles and Winchell broadcasts, that have been released during recent months. I hasten to remark, however, that Mr. Chaillaux was in no way responsible for the deception which lead up to the writing of this letter, but through a combination of circumstances (to use his own language) he found himself "on the spot".

And now I shall cut the tangled knot!

First, let it be noted, that at no time was Mr. Chaillaux solicited, or any letter from him used by the writer, in arranging speaking engagements. It so happened, at the time he wrote, that I was holding invitations to address gatherings from more than one hundred towns and cities in the United States and Canada. . . .

BACK in October, 1937, I was invited by a group of Ministers to deliver an address against Communism in a certain city in Kansas. Upon accepting the invitation, I was informed that the meeting would be held in the City Auditorium.

Thereupon, a Jewish attorney of the B'nai B'rith, who resides in another town, communicated with the Commander of the Legion Post in the place

where I was to speak. This Commander was also a Jew. A protest against my appearance was organized, with the wife of a member of the Communist Central Committee of Kansas, leading the delegation. They succeeded in getting the city officials to deny the Ministers the use of the City Auditorium.

Following the usual procedure of trying to secure duped or "bought" Protestant preachers, to front for them, one of the Jews approached the Chaplain of the Kansas Legion — a Presbyterian, and asked him to publicly denounce me.

Before allowing himself to be influenced by the appeal, this Pastor decided to make his own investigation. Hearing that I had spoken against Communism, under the auspices of the American Legion in another city in

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... The Quiet Hour ...

"But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be QUIET from fear of evil."

Proverbs 1:33.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour, Cherryville, N. C.

Christmas

In thinking of your friends so dear
At this blest season of the year,
When hearts are full of highest glee
Because of pretty things you see,
Which you desire to buy and give
To those you love, with whom you live,
Pray, don't forget the Giver true
Who gave His only Son for you.

Remember how He came to earth,
With such a lowly, humble birth;
Though rich He was, poor He became,
Upon His brow no laurels of fame;
The manger was His only bed
Out where the sheep and cattle fed;
But angels gathered near to sing,
Because He was our Savior-King.

Long ages now have passed away
Since Christ was cradled in the hay,
But down the cycles of the years
He's calmed men's hearts and dried their tears;
Has been a Savior and a Friend
To journey with us to the end,
Then take us to His heav'nly goal
Where we can rest our weary soul.

As Christmas comes again with glee,
When many hearts from care are free,
Remember there are those around
Whose lives with sorrow great abound,
Who need your prayers and helping hand
To help them to the heav'nly land;
If Jesus, then, you want to please,
Pray, help such needy ones as these.

If you would make the Savior smile
Just do some deed that is worth while;
Speak some sweet word or breathe a prayer
For some one who is in despair;
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A TALK.

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Kansas a short time before, he sent a letter of inquiry to the Commander of that Post and received in return, the following telegram: "You will make no mistake sponsoring Winrod versus Communism. Letter with complete information follows today."

A commendatory letter followed, signed by the Legion Commander, the Adjutant, the Past Commander, every Minister of the Ministerial Association, and a bank president. All this was done without my knowledge.

The next day, a Minister called Wichita by long distance telephone and requested my secretary to send any pertinent material that might be on hands, to the State Chaplain of the Legion, who as stated, was in the act of making an inquiry. Among other things, the letter of April 14, 1937 from Chaillaux was included.

The Pastors, where I was originally booked to speak were finally denied the use of the Auditorium, the rally was cancelled, and as far as I knew, the incident was closed. The Communist forces had won; the Christians had lost!

BUT about two weeks later, a Jewish member of the Kiwanis Club of that city, succeeded in getting an invitation issued to "Rev." L. M. Birkhead of Kansas City, to come for a luncheon speech. Winrod became the chief topic of discussion at the meeting! Birkhead, a man of numerous Communistic contacts, indulged in the usual lingo, charging me with being a Fascist, etc.!

The State Chaplain, who had made the personal investigation, happened to be present. At the close of the talk, he rose to his feet and said the following words before the Kiwanis Club:

"Rev. Birkhead, I am Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the local Post of the American Legion, I am also Chaplain of the Department of Kansas, American Legion. I have at home a letter from the Peabody Post of the American Legion endorsing Winrod. I have also in my possession a photostatic copy of a letter from H. L. Chaillaux to Winrod which is very complimentary to Winrod.

"Now Rev. Birkhead, if what you say concerning Winrod is true then

these boys in the American Legion are all wrong and I would like to have proof of your statements, that I might correct this condition in the American Legion."

According to the story, Birkhead fumbled through the papers lying on the table before him and showed several which he said were proof of his statements, but he did not read the proof to the audience.

The Chaplain's remark that he had in his possession a copy of the Chaillaux letter, commending me for my stand against Communism, was sufficient to start engines of Jewish propaganda going, in many parts of the Country, against Mr. Chaillaux. It was then, that he found himself "on the spot".

THE Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, took the matter up immediately, and began working behind the scenes through their Chicago offices. The heat was turned on Mr. Chaillaux from many different directions. A meeting of Jews was called a few days later, at the Indianapolis headquarters of the American Legion, with the result that he sent me his biting communication of November 22, 1937 wherein I was accused of "using (his) letter of April 14, 1937, to give the impression to various groups, before which you were speaking or seeking an opportunity to speak, that National Headquarters of The American Legion or myself as an individual had commended you for some of your addresses."

Then, on August 17, 1938, to further appease the wrath of the Jews, Mr. Chaillaux placed a small part of the matter in the record of the Dies Committee. This act, caused me to feel that the Christian public should be given all the facts. . . .

L. M. Birkhead works with representatives of the B'nai B'rith. Years ago he was a Methodist preacher but is reported to have been unfrocked. Later he became an Unitarian and now has a "church" in Kansas City which he calls the "Liberal Center".

His building is used as a meeting place for Communists, at which gatherings the International is sung, accompanied by the red salute — the up-raised arm and clenched fist. He is an intimate friend and co-worker with William Allen White. K. L. Brooks quotes him as an authority and distributes his literature.

Birkhead runs such paid advertisements as the following, in Kansas City newspapers: "STRANGERS — Get

acquainted tonight 7:30; program, orchestra, games, Liberal Center, 3425 Baltimore" . . . "STRANGERS — Get acquainted; dinner; program, dancing; cards; Wednesday, 6:30. Liberal Center, 3425 Baltimore. WE 1397."

Back in 1927 he performed the widely publicized companionate marriage "ceremony" for Mr. and Mrs. E. Halde-man-Julius, when they turned their daughter over to a young man. Halde-man-Julius is the well-known Jewish publisher of Atheistic-Communist-Sex literature; he specializes in fighting Protestants and Catholics. Both Birkhead and William Allen White are close friends of Haldeman-Julius.

SUFFICIENT has been written to show the background of the Chaillaux testimony as given to the Dies Committee; at the same time, these disclosures will illustrate something of the artificial methods used in creating waves of propaganda against those who are engaged in opposing alien isms.

Lies, circulated against patriots and religious leaders, are usually given to the public through chosen "fronts" in order to hide the identity of the conspiring group. When possible, Jews prefer to work through Protestant preachers who may be willing to do their bidding.

But an awakening has already taken place. The American people are learning the truth. Millions now know how to read between the lines.

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The despoilers, on the other hand, are becoming frantic as they realize that a reaction is gathering momentum against them. They do not wish to be disturbed in the misuse of power. They have ruled with an iron hand for many years, and are becoming desperate in the face of the present challenge.

So, this hour finds them willing to resort to any scheme, ready to buy any "front" that will sell out, prepared to circulate any lie, ready to launch any kind of an attack — that promises to prolong the reign of their cruel system of invisible government.

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Mr. Jacob, a native of Russia, was for several years a Commissar in the Soviet government.

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Yet, he calls upon his readers to face truth and facts. He refuses to condone the international Jew for his wickedness.

One of the facts which we must face, has been clearly formulated by the Jewish writer Gurland, in his book *In Two Worlds*. (A German edition of this book was published several years before the rise of National Socialism in Germany.)

Mr. Gurland says on page 239: "The sole tie which holds together the scattered Israel, all over the world, is as I see it, *our opposition to Christianity!* Both the Talmud and the whole of Hebrew literature, is based upon a hostile attitude toward the Christian religion."

Gurland is by no means a bedfellow of the apostate international Jew who controls the purse strings of the world. With a trembling heart he queries: "Did we err, after all? Was Christ the Messiah? Can it be that He was the Friend of Israel . . . our Saviour?"

I thought of this unhappy child of Israel, in the act of seeking a Saviour, when I sat down to give *The Defender Family* additional information about the suffering of faithful Christians in my native land — Russia. It is impossible to consider the international threat of Communism, without considering the international Jewish problem. They are inseparably related.

With Jewry firmly in control of Soviet Russia, Christians in that part of the world have become tortured serfs, at the mercy of the advance forces of the Antichrist.

Recent news dispatches from Germany tell of anti-Jewish demonstrations on the streets of Berlin and other cities — expressions of resentment over the

fact that a Jew had shot and killed an official of the German government in Paris. Newspapers like the *Chicago Tribune*, screamed with headlines "Jews Fleeing Hitler Terror", "Germany Returns To Dark Ages", etc.

A report of more than two full columns appeared in the *Tribune*, bearing a Berlin dateline of November 10th, written by one Sigrid Schultz. After giving a vivid description of the smashing of Jewish store windows in the larger cities, Schultz explained that: "Ten thousand Jews were arrested". Later dispatches said that in reality, about 700 Jews had been taken into custody, in most instances as a means for protecting those who might have otherwise suffered at the hands of infuriated mobs.

But as a Russian, I am amazed that such a newspaper furore should be created over the smashing of a few Jewish store windows in Germany, while little or nothing is said about the thousands of followers of Christ in Russia, who are right now languishing in prison camps, dying slow deaths in ice deserts, or being given the outright sentence of death, for no crime except that they are Christian believers.

Can it be that Jewish financial interests have a strangle hold grip on press and radio channels, while Christians enjoy no such privileges? Can this be the reason why the cause, of Russia's bleeding saints, is not being pleaded before the bar of public opinion here in the United States?

Exterminating the Faithful

Further on we shall see what it means, from the viewpoint of economics, to be a *Collectivized serf* under Communism. Yet, woe to those who persist in remaining faithful to Jesus Christ! Soviet officials are inventing the most ingenious methods for intensifying all avenues of religious persecution. I have confirmation of this fact both in private letters and the official Soviet press.

Let us give thought to a few news items from the red press of Russia!

"The Metropolit (a church title) Cyrill of the city of Kazan has been imprisoned for two years. Priests of his parish who came to pay him a visit have been seized and banished to Siberia."

"All Soviet Trade Unions have received orders to participate more actively in the anti-religious drive."

A Siberian Soviet paper says that in several of the larger cities of Siberia, 200 priests have recently been imprisoned. These unfortunate clergymen were robbed of their homes and congregations before being sent into exile. Now they are destined to rot in Soviet prisons.

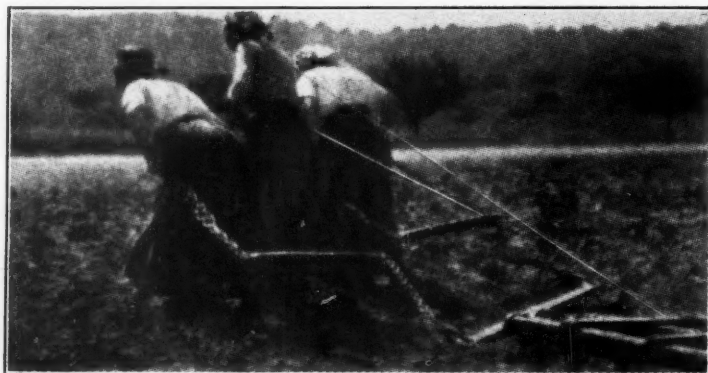
The official magazine *Antireligioznik* ("The Anti-Religious") calls for an all-around mobilization of Soviet institutions and organizations in a sweeping nation-wide drive against religion. According to this magazine, the Jewish head of the anti-religious forces of the Third Communist International, Yaroslavsky, succeeded in closing no less than 612 churches during the first half of this year.

There are no indications that Jewish Communism expects to cease persecuting Christians in the least. As a matter of fact, the Moscow officials feel that their Litvinoff-Finkelstein, an honorary member of the Militant Godless Association, has entrenched himself so firmly with the democracies of the world, that they have even discarded the usual lying pretense of claiming that "religious liberty" exists in my native land.

A nation-wide anti-religious drive was openly included as a part of the third Five-Year-Plan, which is to last from 1938 to 1943. And this in spite of the fact that just a few months ago the world hailed Stalin's so-called "Constitution" as a great "democratic achievement" which guaranteed religious freedom to all the people of Russia!

Here are some of the things that the most recent official Five-Year-Plan proposes to accomplish:

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old, are to be torn down, because "they are a menace to public safety". (People will not be permitted to repair them, or to build new ones to replace these old places of worship.) Buildings of special historical or architectural value may be spared, if permission is secured from the highest authorities in Moscow.

2. The end of the third Five-Year Plan will coincide with the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bolshevism in Russia. The head of the Third International, Dimitrov, announced before the Congress of the Militant Godless Association THAT BY THAT TIME 150 MILLION OF RUSSIA'S 180 MILLION POPULATION MUST BE ATHEISTS.

"These 150 millions", he declared, "are then to undermine faith beyond the borders of Soviet Russia — in the East, the West, the North and the South, so that there, too, religion will cease to figure as protector of human souls."

Death, Prison and Hunger

In addition to the above program, the Executive Committee of the Third International ordered a merger of all Communist Parties among the colored races of the world, for the purpose of undermining and completely destroying, the influence of Christian preachers and missionaries. These instructions, which were issued specifically for the purpose of taking God out of the lives of negro peoples, read as follows:

1. World-wide anti-religious propaganda through lectures, illustrated publications and radio.
2. Organization of anti-religious cells among colored young people.
3. Subtle and insinuating incriminations of missionaries; boycott of those negroes who are baptized.
4. Regularly conducted public meetings to fight religion among negro people. These meetings are to proclaim a universal slogan: "Christ does not feed you — yet Marxism does." (Note that no religion other than that of Christ is referred to, and that the word "Marxism" is used instead of "Communism".)

Now I shall quote from a letter that recently escaped censorship, written by a Christian family, living in Russia.

"There is still scarcity of food. We have no cow, no goat. Our breakfasts and dinners consist of 'coffee' made of barley and bread. And yet, how rich

is our lot compared with that of our relatives in banishment in the North!

"Many have been arrested here and many were sentenced to death. In the village of (name of town withheld to protect writer of letter) alone seven of our number were condemned to die. For what reasons? We do not know. They somehow attracted the attention of those in authority. Through terrible ordeals called examinations, not less than 82 in number, some lasting as long as 32 hours without interruption, they finally gave up and confessed to absurd accusations. Our much loved old men, T.R., S.Y., and Q.X., seem to be protected by their age, otherwise they also would probably have been compelled to confess to some such false charges.

"Bishop (name withheld) is again at (name withheld). He has been appointed stable boy and watchman over six horses . . . Well, he is often troubled in his soul because he does not dare attempt to do religious work. In great discouragement he compares himself with the unprofitable servant who hid his talent in the earth, and he says: 'Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee.'

"How do we live? There is a great change as regards the manner of life of people in general. To think of moral conditions among our people is enough for tears. Piety, honesty, morality have taken wing."

My people have been levelled with the iron hand of internationalism; all their patriotism, morals and religion are being taken from them. May God save America from this unspeakable curse! I look back and wonder what it was that caused the Russian people to yield themselves to the human devils which took control of everything in those fateful days of 1917.

Collectivist Serfdom

From other letters I learn that every village is rapidly becoming a "Collective" in which every man, woman and child; every beast of burden, is forced to toil for Moscow's agents of World Finance.

There is the Collective A. that I knew, in years past, as a prosperous village, where some 40 Christian farmer families were leading peaceful lives. Today it is a typical Collective farm.

All property has been confiscated. The people are now owned by the government. They work, eat and sleep by official regulations, as though they lived in a military barrack.

"A great deal of building is to be attempted this spring", the writer reports, "but there is no building material to be had. We tried to get some lumber from the town T., but they wouldn't sell it to us, unless we paid with grain. And that we do not have. So, in order to build in accordance with the 'plans', the existing structures are being torn down. The material, some of it very old, is to be used for the new buildings."

When the buildings are complete they will belong to the State rather than the people who erect them. The crops when harvested, belong to the State. The word "State" is another way of saying, the handful of Moscow rulers who control the people by means of the secret police.

"We are over-burdened with work from early 'till late at night. The pay consists of 'credit units' which are written into our personal accounts at the office of the Collective. Only at the end of the year can one find out how much he earns. Last year — after all deductions had been made and the

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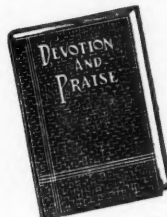


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government had taken its share, we got a pay of 32 Kopeks for each full working day. Quite an amount, isn't it? (This is less than 10 cents.)

"What depresses us more than anything else is that for several years we have not heard any sermons. No religious songs can be heard any more. Sundays do not exist. Churches and chapels have become clubs, brothels and theaters. In N. one of the Churches has been wrecked, while the other serves as a storage room. Yes, life in a Collective is bitter, for a working man. I have become a slave."

3,000 Days of Work to Own a Radio

Communist propagandists are telling us much about the many improvements which the Soviet government is supposed to be introducing on the Collective farms. The writer of the above letter tells about them too!

"Last year telephone poles were installed on the land of several Collectives, including our own. They said they wanted to give us radio service, electric and telephone connections. Up to now they did not get any further than to have us install the poles.

"A broadcasting station is to be set up at Z. There, too, radio equipment has been installed. It consists of ONE RECEIVER AND ONE LOUD SPEAKER FOR ALL, AND EACH MEMBER FAMILY HAD TO CONTRIBUTE 32 ROUBLES FOR THE RADIO. There are over thirty member families."

According to the wage scale mentioned in the letter, each family had to sacrifice not less than one hundred full days of labor for the "privilege" of having a communal radio installed. Radio reception is, of course, controlled by officials of the Collective, who are Communists.

Think this over a little! *The equivalent of 3,000 days of labor for a radio set manufactured by the Jewish-controlled Soviet industry!* What a profit, indeed! What a privilege, when a whole community can listen to propaganda outpourings of one loud speaker!

And here is another Jewish swindle about which none of our so-called intellectuals like to talk. The world knows

that all private property, all homes, have been confiscated by the Soviets. The members of the Collectives once owned the homes and the land, where they now live. When Stalin pressed them into collectivization, all this became common property. And then, about a year or so ago, the Soviets decreed that the homes could be bought back again by members of the Collectives. This friend writes:

"The homes which the Collective sells to the members are to be their private property again. But who can earn money to buy them?"

People must work hard for less than a sandwich a day. Think of the irony of telling them now that they may work for hundreds of years to get enough money to buy their property back! Assume that a man was to again get possession of his home... another official decree could take it from him.

No wonder that men like Mr. Troyanovsky can live in pomp in foreign capitals! And Litvinoff-Finkelstein, that former robber and smuggler of arms and munitions, can well afford to let his face beam down, upon the delegates of "Christian" nations, assembled at the League of Nations in Geneva!

Two Sacks of Potatoes

The above illustrates the miseries of farm life. That the industrial worker of Soviet Russia, is in no better condition, we can learn from the official Soviet press.

According to the Communist paper *Leningradskaya Pravda*, published in the city of Leningrad, the average wages of a working man amount to 189.50 Roubles per month. This is considerably less than the price for a poor quality overcoat or a suit of clothes.

Soviet currency is not quoted on foreign stock exchanges, and it would be next to impossible to interpret the value of the above wages in dollars and cents. The rate of exchange is revised by the Soviet State Bank at will, and is no true indicator of the real value of red money.

Fortunately the same paper quotes the market prices of fruits and vegetables for the past summer, and this gives us the opportunity to estimate accurately the value of the average Russian worker.

According to the official market list

.... 1 pound of spinach costs 0.40 Roubles; 1 pound of potatoes 0.90; 1 pound of carrots 0.80; 1 pound of peas 0.60; 1 pound of apricots 3.00; 1 pound of raspberries 3.00; 1 pound of strawberries 2.50 to 4.00 Roubles.

Applying the above prices to the average wage scale, we find that a whole month of work on the part of an able bodied man is covered by: 437½ pounds of spinach, or 201½ pounds of potatoes, or 236 pounds of carrots, or 316 pounds of peas, or about 63 pounds of either apricots, raspberries or strawberries.

With the above list at hand, the readers of *The Defender* will be able to figure out for themselves the real wages of the Soviet serfs in the "laboring man's paradise". All one has to do is to multiply the local market price for the above products, by the number of pounds a Russian worker can buy with a month's wages. The result constitutes the sum which the Jewish rulers are paying a month for labor. And that, after fully twenty years of sacrifice and privations which the people had to suffer!

"Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. For they know not to do right, saith the Lord, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces." Amos 3:9,10.

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Latest Facts About The "Philip Dru" Plot

G. S. Willard, Detroit, Michigan

A discussion of the code message published in 1911, which provides for the destruction of Americanism.

ARMED with indisputable truth, citizens are now accepting the belief that the young lawyers who draft the legislation of the New Deal are *not* sincere in their efforts to effect a solution to America's real problems.

On the contrary, they are accessories to a well-defined, well-organized conspiracy which, in the ultimate, would annihilate the principles of democracy and make subservient to a group of "internationalists" our beloved Uncle Sam, who has lived now to the ripe old age of 150 years.

It is alarming the progress these destructionists have made. Pernicious "boring-from-within" tactics have eaten at the very vitals of our national life. In the political, social, and religious realms, the structures are so rotten with disease — the malady of Marxism — that under the slightest strain, they would collapse! . . .

In February, 1937, there appeared in *The Defender Magazine* an article written by the editor entitled "Philip Dru: Administrator."

The discussion dealt with a mysterious book which was published anonymously in 1911, fictional in text. It was the story of a young West Pointer, Philip Dru, who, following a bloody civil war, ascended to powers of dictator in the United States. The most amazing and significant fact of the book was that it profoundly parallels the economic and political philosophy of the Roosevelt New Deal.

A Scoop

In his expose, Dr. Winrod asserted the author of the mysterious book to have been the late Colonel E. Mandell House, influential figure in the Wilson administration. The editor declared the book might well be called the "Code Book" of the Roosevelt administration. It should be noted, in passing, that he wrote his article prior to the death of the Colonel.

Since February of 1937, from public platforms over the nation, Dr. Winrod as well as by law and by a dictator

rod has exposed to huge audiences, the strange House-Roosevelt relationship. The article was reprinted in pamphlet form and dispatched to every newspaper editor in America.

"The book, *Philip Dru: Administrator*, is undoubtedly one of the most inflammatory pieces of literature ever struck from a printing press. It anticipates a bloody civil war in the United States, to be followed by the establishment of a dictatorship, in which the American people will be reduced to a state of serfdom," the Kansas editor wrote early in 1937.

In a current issue of *Liberty Magazine*, there appeared an article entitled "Hidden Master of the New Deal", written by Fredrick L. Collins, crack feature writer for the MacFadden publication.

The Collins' article told of the Dru plot, substantiating the claim of House's authorship. The writer declared the book was the "New Deal Bible". Sentence after sentence sounds like the *Defender* article of almost two years ago.

The story in *Liberty* was given prominence proper, of an exclusive "scoop".

Highly probable is the fact that *Liberty* editors, having heard of the bold charges of the Kansas orator and pulp statesman, found evidence worthy of an investigation. At least, we have here the paradox of a Christian periodical "scooping" a widely-circulated national magazine which retains on its staff highly trained, and handsomely compensated, writers and newshawks.

A man said the other day: "They are stealing Dr. Winrod's thunder."

It is altogether likely that men in high places are finding meritorious weight in the broadsides of Christian preachers and journalists who have seen the "handwriting on the wall".

Commenting on the Dru book, Collins declared:

"From cover to cover, if we except such details as the fact that the political revolution was achieved by blood-

instead of by a President, Philip Dru: Administrator was — or could have been — the New Deal Bible. . . . In other words, the conclusion seems inevitable that Edward Mandell House was, if not the father of the New Deal, at least the grandfather."

If Roosevelt got the New Deal from House, where did House get it? Is Roosevelt controlled by the same forces that House represented in the days of Wilson?

Points of Similarity

Indubitably, the New Deal program was written back in 1911, born in the occult mind of the man who has been called "Woodrow Wilson's Holy Monk". Dr. Winrod believes that the Brain Trust has taken the Dru volume as a textbook from the beginning. He has believed for years that our Country is in the grip of a plot.

Dru's political discussions were strangely referred to, in the book of 1911, as "fireside talks". The present version of disseminating political policy to the public, is known as "fireside chats" — over national radio hook-ups. No doubt, the Roosevelt group got the term from the Dru book. Let us examine the "fireside" discussions of Colonel House's fictional character which were emphasized by the *Liberty* writer:

"I shall arrange that every indigent person that is honest and industrious shall be given employment by the Federal, State, County, or Municipal government."

This aim of this war-period prophet has been realized in 1938 by Roosevelt's PWA and WPA and the giant relief set-up.

"It shall in the future be unlawful for any employer of labor to require more than eight hours work a day, and then only for six days a week. . . . I wish it also understood that an adequate wage must be paid for labor. Labor is no longer to be classed as an inert commodity to be bought and sold by the law of supply and demand."

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PHILIP DRU.

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The Wage and Hour law, based upon the Dru book, has just recently come into being. Roosevelt's whole "social reform" program was thus written before the World War.

"If an attempt is made to reduce wages because of shorter hours or for any other cause, the employee shall have the right to go before a magistrate and demand that the wage be adjusted."

Is it possible that way back in 1911, even a soothsayer could have thus foretold the Wagner Act and its enforcement arm, the National Labor Relations Board? Or, is it not more intelligent to suppose that the New Dealers are simply moving in accord with the internationalist program, made vocal through the lips of the mysterious House?

"Under my personal direction I am having prepared an old age pension law and also a laborers' insurance law, covering losses in case of illness, incapacity and death."

The Roosevelt Brain Trust calls it Social Security!

"... There is another matter to which I shall give my earnest attention, and that is the reformation of the study and practice of medicine."

Socialized medicine! The utopian dream of every crack-pot liberal. A terror to nine-tenths of America's physicians at this hour!

"Our Constitution and our laws served us well for the first hundred years

of our existence, but under the conditions of today they are not only obsolete, but even grotesque."

Where have we heard that before? To be sure, our President referred to the Constitution as a relic of the "horse and buggy" era. He was using the language of Philip Dru.

"The Supreme Court is ever present with its Damoclean sword. It is nearly impossible for the desires of our people to find expression into law."

Of course, THE COURT PACKING PLAN.

"Once in power, one of Dru's first acts was to summon five great lawyers and give to them the task of defining powers of all courts, both State and Federal. Judges, both Federal and State, were to be appointed for life, subject to compulsory retirement at seventy."

It is almost breath-taking to read the story of Roosevelt's Court pack plan, written 27 years ago.

Liberty's writer commented on this last "fireside chatter" by saying, "Of course he (E. Mandell House) couldn't have foreseen a coming together of Felix Frankfurter, Jim Landis, Ben Cohen, Tommy Corcoran, and Jerome Frank — or could he?" Anyway, here are the five leading New Deal lawyers. And Dru also had five!

Administrator Dru established numerous commissions and bureaus, inaugurated a revolutionary banking law, and attacked with familiar vigor, all public utilities and corporations. "Nation and State are not only to share in the earnings of utilities, but of all

corporations. . . . The Administrator insisted upon the prohibition of franchise to 'holding companies.'"

This is the Roosevelt plan pure and simple, of substituting Socialism for free enterprise.

"... Stock, cotton, and produce exchanges came under the ban of the Administrator's displeasure, and he indicated his intention of reforming them."

Thus the SEC came into existence many years ago.

Age-Old Scheme

An amazing prophet, Mr. House; or perhaps, Mr. Roosevelt is an amazing and devout student!

After a perusal of "Philip Dru: Administrator", comprehending its Delphic language, one can only accept the belief that the blueprint of the New Deal program was written long before '33, and has been adhered to religiously.

Down through the ages, powerful men have banded together to rule the world from hidden shadows. Benjamin Disraeli, Jewish Premier of England, during the Victorian era, said: "The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes."

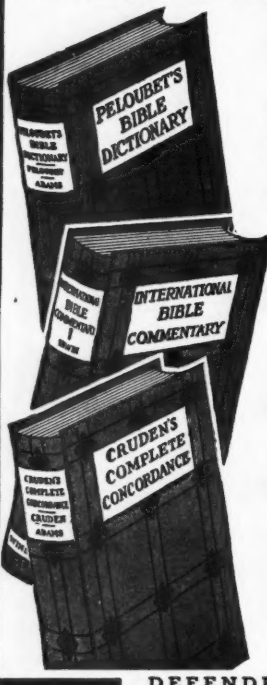
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In 1880, there appeared an article, purported to have been written by Rabbi Reichorn — a lecture before a secret meeting of the inner circle of hidden leaders at Prague in 1869 — a part of which stated:

"... To us belongs this God of today, which Aaron has raised for us in the desert. This calf of Gold, which is now the universal God of the present day. From the moment we shall have made ourselves sole possessors of all the Gold of the World, the real power will pass into our hands, and then shall be accomplished the promises made to Abraham. Eighteen centuries have belonged to our enemies; but the present century and future centuries must belong to us, people of Judah, and will surely belong to us."

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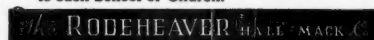
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This is believed to be the key to the mystery of Philip Dru. If it were possible that Colonel E. Mandell House could have written such a beautiful solution to the problems of 1938, of necessity, he must have known that those problems would exist. Is it unreasonable to suppose that he must have known for years, the inner workings of a secret plot, which is expected to eventually shackle the liberties of the American people?

NATIONAL EMERGENCIES ARE DELIBERATELY CREATED BY LEADERS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO THE ARTERIES OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE. These emergencies have made possible the constant stream of "emergency legislation", drafted by left-wing disciples of Felix Frankfurter, and voted into law by a rubber-stamp Congress subservient to the Roosevelt administration.

The changes at the Capital, involving regulation of business, industry, and agriculture, are NOT the result of natural disorders. To use a famous phrase, "We planned it that way".

The Hidden Masters of the New Deal are evidently ambitious of creating further economic disorder, in order that unnatural emergencies will also arise, demanding usurpation of unprecedented powers to the President. The balance of power once centralized, can more easily effect their dastardly program of international control.

Working the Plan

It is generally accepted that Colonel House was not a Jew. He is regarded as having been a "Front" through whom the internationalists worked during the Wilson administration.

Colonel House was probably best known, for his work for two of the most significant measures which have injured America in the last century, one of which was repudiated by public opinion, the other, unfortunately, becoming law.

This little man advocated that America should file an application blank for a seat in the World Court. Not only in his own words and writings did he proclaim his position, but he spoke through the lips of President Wilson. God be praised that the United States did not become entangled in an unholy alliance with irresponsible foreign nations!

Second, House exercised a great influence in the framing of the Federal Reserve Act and also played an important part in the organization of the original Federal Reserve Board.

By this Act, the Congress of the United States no longer has the power to "coin money, and regulate the value

thereof", as provided by the Constitution.

Many people believe the Federal Reserve is a part of the government, like the Postoffice department. This belief is entirely false. The substance with which we buy and sell, called *money*, is today created and controlled by private internationalists.

In the year 1902, a young man disembarked from a liner in the New York harbor, passed through the gates of Ellis Isle, and quickly secured a position with a powerful New York Jewish banking house. In subsequent years, this young man became a leading member of this firm, the concern credited in the Congressional Record with having financed the Russian revolution.

The young man's name was Paul M. Warburg, a German Jew, who later proved to have been sent on an important assignment from the House of Rothschild. Warburg did not take out his first citizenship papers until 1908, and not until 1911, did he become naturalized.

Immediately, however, Warburg, cunning of mind, began the formation of a complete change in our monetary affairs. With the aid of powerful money changers, together with the eminent Colonel House who was credited with dominating the mind of Woodrow Wilson, Warburg succeeded in coercing the Congress of the United States to grant him the power to set up a Fiscal Agency which resulted in the so-called Fed-

eral Reserve System. This occurred in 1913.

Warburg became head of the Federal Reserve System. It has been consistently pointed out by Patriotic leaders and Congressional spokesmen, that Warburg's scheme was in direct violation of the Constitution — the Congress having no legal right to allow a private banking institution to carry on what is **STRICTLY A FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT.**

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Dr. Winrod says this whole thing can be solved by a revival of supernatural religion. Perhaps he is right when he says the Country must choose between *revival or revolution.* Anyway, something must happen to stir the slumbering conscience of a Nation, that seems too dazed to understand the simple fact, that a **PLOT** exists which if carried out, will drench the greatest group of people on the face of the earth, in their own blood.

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Look in the Cradle

Who can tell *what's in the cradle*? Who knows what potentialities are wrapped up in that little life? Let's look in the cradle.

In Cain's cradle I see a murderer; in Abel's cradle, a martyr; in Noah's cradle, a preacher of righteousness; in Nimrod's cradle, a dictator; in Abraham's cradle, a friend of God; in Moses' cradle, Israel's deliverer; in Pharaoh's cradle, a wicked ruler; in Joshua's cradle, a valiant soldier; in Samuel's cradle, a prophet; in Saul's cradle, a disobedient king; in David's cradle, a man after God's own heart; in Elijah's cradle, an uncompromising preacher; in Ahab's cradle, a compromising king; in Daniel's cradle, a man of faith; and in Belshazzar's cradle, a drunken sot.

"A Child Is Born"

"A child is born!" "A child is born!" "A child is born!" Four thousand years, men had been listening to this announcement. We hear it again—this time in Bethlehem.

We look into a cradle which is only a rock-hewn manger. Poverty is everywhere in evidence. Who can this child be? No doctor or nurse attends his birth. There is no room for him at the inn. Can he be an important personage? Or is this just one more child among millions of others?

For nineteen centuries the identity

of this personage has been the subject of discussion. In Apostolic times "there was a division among the people because of him" (John 7:43). That division exists to this day. Is there no answer to the question?

The Bible very clearly states that those who are willing to do the will of the Lord shall know the truth. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God" (John 7:17).

Foretold by the Prophets

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14).

This prophecy was fulfilled in the birth of Christ.

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. . . . Thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:26-33).

In this day when men are saluting dictators, it is refreshing to read that an angel saluted Mary. In this precious passage, motherhood is glorified by the angel Gabriel when he says, "Hail thou art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee".

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ing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:34,35).

The doctrine of the *divine conception of Christ* is clearly taught in the Scriptures and I would rather take the word of the eternal God and the sinless angel Gabriel, than take the word of any man in this world of sin and spiritual blindness.

What Difference Does It Make?

Some will say, "What difference does it make whether or not Christ was born of a virgin?"

It makes a world of difference! If He were not divinely conceived, He is only a son of the first Adam. If that were true, He inherited a fallen nature and was a sinful fallen creature like the rest of us. In that event, His blood shed on Calvary's cross would have been worthless as an atonement for our sins.

Usually, those who deny the virgin birth of Christ, also deny His Deity and the efficacy of His atoning blood. This is "consistent" for if the virgin birth is not a fact, then the transaction at Calvary is of no value to us.

However, there is no room for any "ifs". It was Satan who said, "If thou

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be the Son of God." His Deity has been substantiated.

"A Son Is Given"

In Isaiah 9:6, we read, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." The first statement refers to His humanity. The second, to His Deity. The Son could never be born, because God the Son always existed. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3).

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

However, God the Son did not always exist in human form, therefore the child was "born".

"A son is given." This refers to His death on Calvary's cross. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Christ was born to die. He was wrapped in grave clothes at his birth, as He was at His death. In those grave clothes, the Eternal Rock of Ages pillowed His head upon a rock-hewn cradle at His birth, and a rock-hewn grave at His death. The swaddling clothes, or grave clothes, were an identifying mark. The angel said, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:11,12).

On Calvary's cross, Christ was God's Passover Lamb. He opened His veins and poured out His sinless blood as an atonement for our sins, and the sins of the whole world.

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4).

"But Christ, being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:11,12).

Since the penalty for sin has been paid, all who will, may receive eternal life through the matchless, infinite, unfathomable grace of God. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8,9).

There we have the greatest Christmas gift of all time—salvation, the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. "He that believeth on the Son hath

everlasting life" (John 3:36).

Lost sinner, will you come to the Lord just as you are, with all your sin? Will you accept Him as your Saviour?

The Government

What a precious passage of Scripture! "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder" (Isa. 9:6).

The child has been born and the Son has been given. Both of these prophecies were literally fulfilled.

Therefore, we are assured that the next prophecy will be literally fulfilled. "The government shall be upon his shoulder." This will be fulfilled at His second coming—His coming in glory to end war forever, and establish His throne in Jerusalem.

Because He was born of the virgin; because He died to save us from our sins; because He proved His Deity by rising from the dead; we know He is coming to inaugurate a world-wide reign of peace for a thousand years.

This is a cheering message to the many bleeding, broken hearts of the present dark hour. Trust in the Lord and He will see you through. This reign of sin and Satan is not going to endure long. "Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Mal. 4:2).

Would You Believe It?

But I hear a skeptic say, "If one said today that her son was born of a virgin, would you believe it?" Yes if—

If the birth of that one had been predicted centuries in advance, I would believe it.

If the place of his birth, the manner of his life and death and burial and resurrection had been predicted centuries in advance, I would believe it.

If he lived a perfect life so that even his enemies could find no fault in him, I would believe it.

If he could walk on the waves; still a storm; heal the leper; raise the dead; and read the innermost thoughts of the hearts of men, I would believe it.

If he could remain silent while they convicted him on perjured testimony; spat upon him; reviled him; scourged

him; crowned his brow with thorns; and pierced his hands and feet with nails, I would believe it.

If in the hour of his death the sun, moon and stars refused to shine; the earth reeled to and fro; and the dead came forth from their graves, I would believe it.

If at his death the veil of the temple was rent in twain by the unseen hand of God, I would believe it.

If all the power of a world empire could not keep his body in a tomb, I would believe it.

If he could tear away the bars of death, take up his body, and show himself alive on the earth for forty days after his resurrection, I would believe it.

If unlearned fishermen could preach the message of his resurrection and see three thousand lives instantaneously transformed, I would believe it.

If the preaching of the power of that man's sacrificial death on a cross will cause the thief to steal no more; the murderer to hate no more; the drunkard to drink no more; the moral leper to sin no more; then I would believe it.

If that message will take the vilest sinner from the gutter and transform him into an honorable citizen, I would believe it.

If there is dense darkness, terrible sin, gross ignorance wherever the name of that man is not known; and if there is light, and peace, and progress, and righteousness where his name is known, I would believe it. . . .

My friend, our hope is built upon a sure foundation that shall endure to the end. On that first Christmas morn, in the cradle of stone in Bethlehem, there came the eternal God. BY HIS EVERY ACT, WORD, AND THOUGHT HE HAS PROVED HIMSELF TO BE GOD.

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While dictators are blustering, and fear-crazed nations are sharpening the sword, *Christians are singing!* Innocent children are blending bright voices, singing about "the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay". Joyous young people are caroling the fact that "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear". Mighty choirs are proclaiming "Joy To The World".

Let critics say, "Christmas doesn't come on December 25th; there has been a mix-up in the calendar". What difference does it make? The important thing isn't celebrating some certain date — the important thing is celebrating the fact that *the Savior was born!*

Let critics say, "Christmas has become just a season of selfish gift-giving, and commercialism". Even so; that is all the greater reason why Christians should raise their voices in song, proclaiming to a money-mad world the "tidings of great joy!"

Nations are tottering, war-hysteria

is spreading, hate and sin and immorality are being unleashed, dreadful fear is gnawing at the hearts of men! Therefore it is high time that Christ-lovers carol forth to a jittery humanity, more insistently than ever, the glorious story of the coming of the Savior.

Caroling

During this current Christmas season, great choirs will chant hymns of the Nativity, mighty cathedral organs will thunder forth the majestic Christmas preludes, gifted singers will describe the "shepherds watching their flocks by night", Sunday-school children will sing of the Child in the manger, and countless young people will gather in groups to carol Christmas songs 'neath the windows of hovel and mansion, hospital and hut, bungalow and orphanage. Christmas Eve will witness the singing of glad songs, the joyous peeling of church bells, and the exchange of gifts, signifying the Father's great Gift to us.

The custom of caroling on Christmas Eve antedates even the Protestant Reformation. It apparently had its inception in France, as early as the fourteenth century, spreading to Germany and Switzerland, and then across to Britain.

But shortly before the time of Martin Luther, the celebration of Christmas as a Christian festival fell into disrepute. Rowdies and jesters delighted in journeying from house to house on Christmas Eve, parodying Christmas carols. Drunken orgies in the taverns mocked the rites of the Christians' Christmas services. Un-policed

streets became unsafe on Christmas Eve.

Consequently, in 1644, the English Parliament officially forbade the observance of Christmas as a Christian festival. Parallel conditions existed in France and Germany. Christmas lost its Christian significance, and became the occasion for banquetings and drunken revellings.

King Charles the Second, of England, revived the custom of observing Christmas as a Christian celebration, but these observances did not take on full Christian significance until the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Martin Luther, in Germany, was quick to promulgate the widespread observance of Christmas, and he published a book of Christmas carols.

"The First Noel"

In England, credit for Christmas' restoration must be given to King Charles the Second, Charles Dickens, and William Sandys.

Sandys was born in London in 1792. He was quite versatile, being at various times a lawyer, a musician (cellist) and an author. He was withal a fervent Christian, and his soul was vexed at the current heathenish Christmas orgies. Years of his untiring efforts finally assisted in the restoration of a Christmas celebration that was really Christian.

Sandys revived many of the old carols that had fallen into disrepute. He is credited with the revival of "The First Noel", which doubtless originated long before his time, and which is still deservedly popular.

Noel is the French form of the word. Nowell is the English form. Its derivation is uncertain. Some authorities trace its origin to the Latin word *novella*, meaning *news*. Others claim that it is derived from the Provencal *nadal*, a corruption of the Latin word *natalis*, meaning *birthday*.

"The First Noel" was first published in its modern form in Sandys' "Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern" in 1833.

C. A. Miles, an American musical authority, aptly defines a carol as "a religious song less formal and solemn than the ordinary Church hymn, — an expression of popular and often naive devotional feeling, something intended to be sung outside church walls, rather than inside".

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"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

'Twas the night before Christmas, in 1865.

An American minister, Phillips Brooks, was visiting in the Holy Land. Friends invited him to journey with them to Bethlehem to attend Christmas Eve services in the ancient Church of the Nativity, not far from the place where the Christ-child had been cradled.

Approaching Bethlehem, the party passed the very fields where the shepherds had been "watching their flocks by night" on that never-to-be-forgotten evening nineteen centuries ago. Soon they beheld the lights of the quaint city, the city hallowed by the name *Bethlehem*. (Bethlehem means *House of Bread*.) As Brooks feasted his eyes on the scene, his soul filled with joy and peace, and the unbidden tears rushed to his eyes.

As midnight approached, the party entered the church, and worshipped at the ancient shrine.

"I remember especially on Christmas Eve", he later wrote, "when I was standing in the old church at Bethlehem. The whole place was ringing hour after hour with the splendid hymns of praise to God. It seemed as if I could hear voices telling each other of the wonderful night of the Savior's birth."

He returned to his pastorate, the Church of the Holy Trinity, in Philadelphia.

Two years later, still impressed by the memories of his visit to Bethlehem, he wrote a Christmas poem to be used in the Christmas exercises of his Sunday-school. A musical setting was provided by Lewis H. Redner, who was organist of Brooks' church, and superintendent of the Sunday-school. The song was entitled "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

It was well received that first Christmas, and immediately became popular in Philadelphia. But its fame elsewhere spread slowly.

Twenty-five years after it was written it received its first national impetus by appearing in *The Hymnal* of the Protestant Episcopal Church, although it had been included in a Sunday-school hymnal published in Massachusetts in 1874.

Phillips Brooks was born in Boston, December 13th, 1835. He graduated from Harvard and from the Episcopal Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1859. Following two pastorates in Philadelphia, he returned to Boston as pastor of the famous Trinity Church. He later became Bishop of Massachusetts. He was nationally recognized as one of the greatest pulpit orators of his generation.

Although remaining a bachelor all

his life, Doctor Brooks loved children. He wrote several Sunday-school songs, but none of them has attained the world-wide popularity of "O Little Town of Bethlehem". When he died, January 23rd, 1893, a little five-year-old neighbor-girl exclaimed, "Oh mama, how happy the angels will be!"

It is interesting to note that Lewis H. Redner, who composed the music for "O Little Town of Bethlehem", was also a life-long bachelor! He was born in Philadelphia in 1831, and died in Atlantic City in 1908. He was a real-estate operator, very wealthy, and deeply interested in Sunday-school work. He was also an exceptionally talented organist, and served several churches in that capacity.

When he assumed the superintendency of Brooks' Sunday-school, there were only thirty-six scholars. Under his leadership the enrollment grew to one thousand!

"Silent Night"

'Twas the night before Christmas, in 1818.

An Austrian priest, in a little village high in the Tyrolean Alps, was seated in his church study, meditating on glorious thoughts concerning the birth of the Christ-child. Receiving a sudden inspiration, he seized a pen and began writing. . . .

Stille nacht, Heilige nacht!

Alles schlaeft, einsam wacht.

The following morning he hurried with his new poem to the home of a friend who was a skillful organist. Several days previously, the two had been discussing the fact that a perfect Christmas song had never been written.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC. From Page 17.

Mohr, you have found it, the right song, God be praised!"

While Mohr waited, the organist hurriedly composed a tune, the tune which is now universally sung to "Silent Night".

In their little country church that night, the two sang their new song for the first time. The priest, Joseph Mohr, sang the melody. The organist, Franz Gruber, sang the bass. The organ was out of commission, so Gruber used a guitar for accompaniment.

The villagers were delighted. "Silent Night" spread from family to family and from village to village. Wandering minstrels carried it through Central Europe.

It was first printed in 1842, twenty-four years after its composition. In 1854 it was sung in a great Cathedral at Berlin, and Emperor Frederick Wilhelm ordered that henceforth it should be given first place in all Christmas services. Its first publication in America seems to have been in "The Sunday School Hymnal", compiled by Hutchins in 1871.

Joseph Mohr, the Catholic priest who wrote the words, was born in 1792, and died in 1848. Franz Gruber was born in 1787 and died in 1863. Both were native Austrians.

'Joy To The World'

For many centuries there was great controversy concerning the use of *humanly-composed* Christian songs. The preponderance of ecclesiastical opinion insisted that church music should be confined to the singing of metrical arrangements of David's Psalms.

Martin Luther was one of the first to vigorously expound the theory that God could inspire men in *this* dispensation to compose songs of worship, just as He inspired the Old Testament Psalmist.

Isaac Watts exerted a powerful influence in the same direction also, contending that "songs are needed which magnify the Christ. David's Psalms were written before the coming of the Savior, and do not contain direct references to Him, other than by prophecy. Someone should re-write the Psalms as

David would have written them if he had been living now!"

And Watts proceeded to do this very thing! In 1719 he published an edition of Christian songs entitled "The Psalms of David Imitated". And it was in this edition that the hymn-poem "Joy To The World" first appeared!

It was inspired in the heart of Watts by the latter part of the 98th Psalm.

The tune which he expected to be used with "Joy To The World" is not definitely known. The tune now used throughout the world was first arranged by Lowell Mason, and published in his "Modern Psalmist" in 1839. Mason did not claim originality for the tune. He apparently arranged it from a melody which he borrowed from Handel's *Messiah*.

Watts was born in 1674, and died in 1748.

It is of interest to note that three of our best-loved Christmas songs were composed by men who were life-long bachelors—Watts, who wrote "Joy To The World", Mohr, who wrote "Silent Night", and Brooks and Redner, who wrote "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"!

'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'

Charles Wesley wrote the poem "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" in 1739, when he was 32 years of age. It was published that same year in his "Hymns and Sacred Poems", although the tune to which it was first sung is not now known.

It is said that this is the only one of Charles Wesley's hymns which appears in the Church of England's "Book of Common Prayer", although Wesley was a member of the Church of England all of his life.

The tune to which the song is now sung was first applied to it in 1855 by W. H. Cummings. He arranged it from a melody which Mendelssohn had written in 1840 as part of a suite of festival music honoring the anniversary of the invention of printing.

Mendelssohn had had a "hunch" that the original use of his tune was to be superseded by a later use; for several years before Cummings' adaptation, Mendelssohn had written, "I think that there ought to be other words to this

tune. If the right ones are hit at, I am sure the piece will be liked very much by the singers and by the hearers."

Since there have been so many alterations and revisions of this Christmas song, it might be of interest to notice the original wording, as first written by Charles Wesley in 1739....

Hark, how all the welkin rings,
"Glory to the King of Kings,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
Universal nature say
"Christ the Lord is born today".

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see,
Hail the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to appear,
Jesus! our Immanuel here!

Hail the heavenly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness,
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,
Born, that man no more may die,
Born, to raise the sons of earth,
Born, to give them second birth.

Come, Desire of Nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conquering seed,
Bruise in us the serpent's head.

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Ruined nature now restore;
Now in mystic union join
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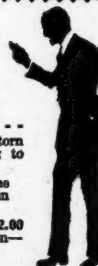
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Adam's likeness, Lord, efface;
Stamp Thy image in its place;
Second Adam, from above,
Reinstate us in Thy love.

Let us Thee, though lost, regain,
Then the Life, the Inner Man;
Oh! to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart.

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

An Unitarian minister was responsible for the authorship of "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear".

His name was Edmund H. Sears, and he ministered for many years to congregations in Massachusetts. Later in life he became editor of the "Monthly Religious Magazine", and published theological books. Although an Unitarian, he believed firmly in the Divinity of Christ. He was born in Massachusetts in 1810, and died there in 1876.

It was in 1850 that Sears was inspired to write the poem, "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear". A few days later a musical setting was composed by Richard S. Willis. First published that same year, in the "Christian Register", the song quickly attained popularity.

Willis was born in Boston in 1819, the son of the founder of the famous "Youth's Companion". He was educated at Yale, and in Germany. Becoming a prominent journalist, he authored several widely-circulated books, including a biography of Mendelssohn, with whom he had become acquainted in Germany.

For some years he edited the "Musical Times", and later the "Musical World". He wrote several books on church music, although "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" is probably the only successful song, in general use today, to which he composed music. He died in Detroit in 1900.

"Away In A Manger"

"Away In A Manger" was composed 408 years ago, in 1530!

And it is unique, among Christmas songs, in that both the words and music were written by the same man—Martin Luther! It is believed to have been composed especially for his son, Hans, for a Christmas celebration.

Several more recent musical settings have been provided, but Luther's own 408-year-old tune does not seem to be losing its popularity. Indeed, the very reverse is true! It is probable that the original melody will be used more often during this approaching Christmas season, than any other tune which has

been composed for "Away In A Manger".

Martin Luther (born 1483, died 1546) has fittingly been called the "father of congregational singing". He firmly believed that every Christian should be a "singing Christian". He expressed the desire that his followers should "read God's Word, and speak to Him in their songs". On another occasion he wrote: "I compose sacred hymns, so that the Word of God may dwell among the people also by means of songs". The result was, that music became a powerful factor in the success of the Protestant Reformation.

Luther wrote only two stanzas for "Away In A Manger". The third stanza, beginning "Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay", was written by Dr. John T. McFarland in 1904, in New York. This information comes from Bishop Wm. F. Anderson, who says:

"When I was secretary of the Methodist Board of Education, 1904 to 1908, I wanted to use 'Away In A Manger' in a Children's Day program one year. It had but two stanzas. Dr. John T. McFarland, then secretary of our Board of Sunday Schools, was my near neighbor. I asked him to write a third stanza. He went to his office, and within

an hour brought me the stanza beginning 'Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay'."

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

It is impossible to trace the authorship of the original Latin poem from which "O Come All Ye Faithful" has been translated.

Adeste fidelis, Laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, Regem Angelorum,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

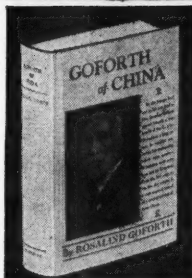
Records indicate that this hymn was known both in Germany and France as early as the latter part of the seventeenth century, although neither the author nor the country of its origination is known.

There have been more than forty translations of "Adeste Fidelis" into the English language, at various times. Catholics throughout the world generally use the translation made in 1841 by Canon Oakley, beginning "Ye faithful, approach ye".

The Protestant translation, "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant",

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apparently first appeared in "Murray's Hymnal" in 1852.

The melody is of as uncertain origin as the words. It is known as "The Portuguese Hymn", and is the same tune that is often used with the words "How Firm A Foundation".

For many generations there were two stories in circulation, concerning the origin of this melody. But in recent years both of these theories have been "exploded", and we are today utterly "in the dark" regarding its origination.

All that is definitely known is that a manuscript has been found, written in 1751, containing this melody. The manuscript was by John Wade, and the melody has often been ascribed to him. But it has been proven that he was an itinerant music copyist who had been engaged to write down tunes which already were in current use. Therefore it is safe to say that its origination predated 1751 by a good many years.

The first story was that the tune had been composed by John Reading, an English organist, early in the 18th century. This claim was based on the fact that in Novello's "Home Music" (London, 1843), the tune is credited thus: "Air of Reading, 1680". But recent diligent research has proven that Reading was fond of the melody, and played it often, but that he had learned it from someone else.

The second story is that it was written by Marcos Antonio de Fonesca, who was also known as "Marcos Portugal-lo", or "Il Portugallo" — a prominent choirmaster in the court of the King of Portugal. But Fonesca was born in 1762, and it has been proven that the melody was in existence long before that time.

And there is no apparent reason why the melody should universally be known as the "Portuguese Hymn", when there is nothing Portuguese about it.

Novello's "Home Music" (previously referred to in this article) contained the following note:

"Adeste Fidelis obtained the name of the 'Portuguese Hymn' from its having been heard by the Duke of Leeds at the Portuguese Chapel (in London), and he imagined it to be peculiar to the services in Portugal. Being a director of the 'Ancient Concerts', the Duke introduced the melody there, and it speedily became popular under the title he had given it, 'Portuguese Hymn'."

Thus having sifted the evidence, we find that we are completely "in the dark" as to the origination of "O Come All Ye Faithful". But that fact will not prevent hundreds of thousands of Christians throughout the world from employing this glorious song in Christmas worship during the present season!

fans of the Gables, the Loys, the Garbos, and the Barrymores, and would profoundly resent a denunciation of their celluloid idols.

A colorful leader in this fight is John R. Rice, D. D., of Texas, editor and eminent Baptist preacher, who has recently written a book exposing the corrupt practices of the motion picture industry and establishing the "wrong" of movies in relation to Christian youth.

Rice's book, "What Is Wrong with the Movies," is a literal bombshell, containing astonishing allegations which tend to discredit the claim of "creative art" by the Hollywood publicist.

To make such charges, one would have to have concrete evidence, not mere assumption. Rice, in his book, largely uses evidence from the findings of a group of scientists who spent four years classifying and analyzing 1500 pictures. This group, known as the Motion Picture Research Council, headed by university presidents, approached the subject with an unbiased viewpoint. A considerable amount of money was spent in their survey, the purpose of which was to conduct a detailed, scientific, and educational investigation to determine the effect of pictures upon the minds and morals of children and young people.

The book embraces an impassioned plea to youth of America to beware of the hypnotic powers of "Babylonian" enemies of righteousness. To a large degree, it deals with havoc wrought in the lives of youth who worship at the shrine of the silver screen.

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shrines for worship. The industry has constructed great and beautiful edifices to the god of Lust, attracting in throngs, youth to worship at the feet of preachers who propagate a "gospel" of promiscuity, nudity, crime, violence, adultery, and divorce. This is the conclusion drawn from the labors of these scientists, whom Dr. Rice quotes.

If young people would re-enact in the home, scenes they witness in current motion pictures, a melodramatic session would be held forthwith in the basement with father playing a decidedly leading part.

In a recent production of "Boy Meets Girl," the story deals with an ultra-dumb waitress who gave birth to an illegitimate child which was glorified in the script as the "all-American baby".

To be brutally frank, one would think that Hollywood producers were flirting with the patronage of perverts and morons instead of moral, sound-thinking American citizens.

Greedy Financiers In Power

A more sinister aspect dominates the situation. Of late, out of Hollywood have come motion pictures tainted with the Communistic philosophy of class hatred and revolution. Most notable among this series of radical pictures are "Black Fury," "They Won't Forget," and "You Can't Take It With You." The latter is the screen adaptation of the much-acclaimed Broadway stage play, the authors of whom were two Jewish playwrights, George Kaufman and Moss Hart. Kaufman is regarded as the "high-priest" of the theater.

It has been reported certain celluloid moguls are dickering for the screen rights to "Tobacco Road," a dirty play, revolutionary in character, insulting to the Southland, which has been banned in many cities and states because of its obscene lines. Hollywood revels in "panning" the illiteracy of the South and burlesquing deep-rooted Southern traditions.

In the opinion of this reviewer, the present trend presents a real menace. The screen play is a powerful stimulant to the emotions. Subtle lines in the mouths of very convincing actors, spoken in distorted settings, have the effect of creating a reaction in mob psychology, much sought after by Hollywood planners.

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It is profoundly significant that in European countries where dictators have ascended to power, their first act was to control the picture industry which, in the opinion of these experts on propaganda, is an effective medium for "educating" the masses.

Right thinking people are given the choice as to what shall be paraded on the silver screen. The Will Hays office is merely a "front" — a sham. The American people are at the mercy of greedy, unscrupulous Jewish financiers who have a monopoly on the industry.

Millions Pay Daily Tribute

That movies are an influential factor in American life is indicated by the fact that *seventy-seven million people attend cinema palaces each week.* This has been ascertained by the Motion Picture Research Council. This startling fact constitutes the introductory remark in John R. Rice's book, "What is Wrong with the Movies?"

"Only the Bible and the Koran have an indisputably larger circulation than that of the latest film from Hollywood," a British Commission on film life declared recently.

A comparison is made between the influence of the Sunday School and the Movie Industry: The World's Sunday School Convention, held in 1936 at Oslo, Norway, reported there were a little more than thirty-seven million people enrolled in Sunday Schools the world around. The report further stated that of this number, twenty-one million people attend Sunday Schools in America fairly regularly. Dr. Rice places the figure at nineteen million, stating he is liberal in this estimate.

Dr. Rice further points out that people spend an average of one hour in a Sunday School; but in the theater, they spend an average

of two hours. America, then, spends eight times as many hours a week in a show house as in a Sunday School.

This astonishing record establishes the motion picture industry as the most powerful agency in modern life, with the exception of the home and school. If the latter two indorse movies and encourage attendance, they lose their influence, and moviedom rules supreme!

The tragedy of this situation, the Author points out, is that the movies take over the education of youth in social realms when youth is easily molded, plastic, impressionable.

In the introductory remark, the Author announces, "What I Intend to Prove" and states frankly that the pages of the book will definitely establish that commercial motion pictures are an unmitigated curse; glorifies impurity as love; pictures murder as entertainment, exalts nakedness and indecency as beauty; shows drinking, divorce, revelling, gambling, revenge, and gun fights as proper and legitimate.

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of an eternal nature. They are a trap for souls, a mocker of God, a curse to America!

For proof of these strong charges, the Texas Minister consistently points to the scholarly investigation carried on by the Motion Picture Research Council. Included in the summary of the Council are testimonies of delinquent boys and girls, showing they were led into sin under the direct influence of the silver screen.

Hoover Double Crossed

Dr. Rice attacks without restraint, themes of movies which have a terrifying effect upon youth. In Chicago, reputedly not a Sunday School town, the Censorship Board was forced sometime ago to eliminate from 188 pictures, 1,811 scenes of assault with guns with intent to kill, 175 scenes of assault with knives, 231 scenes of hanging, 757 scenes of attacks on women for immoral purposes, 929 scenes of nudity and semi-nudity, 21 scenes of jail-breaking.

The *Los Angeles Times*, widely circulated Southern California daily, stated recently: "We might as well be frank about it. The pictures that are selling and doing big business are, in many instances, made of smut . . ." The columnist adds, "I know a scenario writer who says his selling slogan is going to be, 'Scenarios that romp from rape to rape'."

J. Edgar Hoover, nation's number one G-Man, had endeavored in an extensive educational program to convince youth that criminals and public enemies are nothing but "rats" and certainly possess no heroic qualities. In this respect, the movies have "double-crossed" G-Man Hoover and his gallant crusade to discourage crime.

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In his book, Dr. Rice quotes from the testimonies of seventeen-year-old girls who have been confined to institutions because of sex delinquency. Following is one of many illustrations:

"I fell in love with G. R. I would imagine I was the leading lady in the pictures in which he played. I used to sit and day-dream that one day I would marry G. R. and we would have a lovely time until I went out with R. N. and G. would catch me kissing R. Then there would be a lawsuit and my picture would be in the paper. I would win the lawsuit and marry R. N. I would keep on until I had married and divorced all my movie actors."

Dr. Rice, in another chapter, deals with the health angle involved. He declares: "Doubtless the moving pictures have a large part in this changing tempo of American life. Movies effect the physical welfare, nervous tension, mental attitude, and adaptability of the whole race. The powerful, shocking, over-stimulating influence of the movies is leaving its tragic mark on the health as well as the morals of America."

Who are the master minds behind "lights, camera, action?" Who sits at the top of this heap of actors, writers, technicians, press agents, and exhibitors? Who dictates the policies of American motion pictures?

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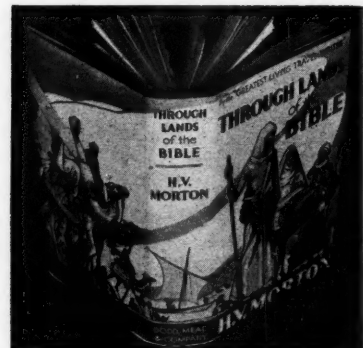
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Coming east on a transcontinental train through our northern States, before the present Administration came into power, I noticed three cars having steel bars across each window and men, with guns, at the ends of each car. These cars were loaded with men. I was told that they were aliens, federal prisoners, who had entered our country illegally and were caught carrying on Red propaganda.

In Fargo, North Dakota, and again in Minneapolis, Minnesota, an additional number of prisoners were loaded into the cars. Upon arriving at Chicago the cars were hooked to a train of possibly a dozen similar cars.

Such alien prisoners were being assembled in Chicago from the north, the northwest, the west and the southwest. A train load would leave at regular intervals, at a quiet hour of the night, for an eastern seaboard city to be sent back to the countries from which they had come.

Large sums of money are appropriated from time to time for the purpose of strengthening the lines of police near our borders.

In New York Mills, Minnesota, the Communists were working a while back, to establish a school for teaching young people how to spread the doctrines of the Reds. We received a letter from a woman who was working for our Society, placing Scriptures in the homes of families who would promise to read them; she solicited our assistance in helping to keep the Reds from setting up a school.

She begged us to do something about the matter but not to mention her name as they would kill her if they knew what she was writing. She concluded her plea with these words, "They talk as if we were in Russia". We went to the United States Attorney in St. Paul and laid the matter before him — and the proposed school was never opened!

In our northern States, bordering the Canadian boundary, there are large opportunities for the Communists to engage in spreading their pernicious doctrines. They enter the scattered settlements that are neglected religiously, and here they spread their atheistic and revolutionary ideas among young people who are citizens of the United States and therefore cannot be deported.

Because churches are scarce in these areas and the Gospel is not properly preached, they find fertile soil in which to plant the tares of un-American propaganda. Moreover, large sections of



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the people are foreign and have never had the advantage of intimate contact with our ideals and institutions.

For instance, in our five northern states, live 200,000 Finnish people divided into two classes — (1) the Christian Finns, an industrious, clean living people and (2) the Communistic Finns, who by far outnumber the religious people of Finnish nationality. The latter groups are fanatical in their preaching of revolutionary principles. To a large extent these people live in settlements with no Churches or Sunday Schools.

I know communities where Communists have established their own programs and families refusing to join have been so persecuted as to be forced to move if they wished to live in peace — they have often left their homes and businesses. *Through our quiet work of Bible distribution in such places, we have seen whole localities transformed.*

There are about 110 different races of people in America, numbering some

33 million families. Approximately one third of these families have no Bibles in their homes. About 18 million children in America are growing up like pagans, insofar as any knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is concerned. Under the policies of the present Administration, large numbers of non-Christian people are landing daily upon our shores from the countries of Europe.

The central tier of states from the Canadian border, are in special need of Bible distribution. In Montana, young folks grown to manhood and womanhood, have written us, actually stating that they had never known there was such a Book as the Bible until receiving one from our Society. We found one district in that State, of about 600 people, entirely without any form of religious work.

In another section, a public school teacher wanted to have a Christmas program and the children thought the teacher was using profanity when she mentioned the name of Christ—they had only heard the Lord's name used in blasphemy. In the western sections of South Dakota, we found one county with over 100 school teachers and yet its thirty-six townships had been entirely neglected religiously.

In one community, after many years of crop failure, the people got together and talked about starting a Bible Study Club. They said, "Perhaps God will help us in our distress if we will get together and study the Bible. This will help us to know how to pray." The question arose about the use of a Bible.

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BIBLE.

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"We must have a Bible, if we are going to organize this study club. Who has a Bible?"

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One of our workers wrote us some years ago to send her a number of Bibles because all the families living in a certain district were Communists. As a result, it later became possible to hold religious services in the community, and finally a little church was erected in 1937. Great forest fires swept this timbered area and 50 families were left homeless. There were two classes of people living in the village; 49 of the families ruined by fire were reds, while only one Christian family lost their home.

During the fire, an amazing thing happened which left a lasting impression upon the people. When the flames came to the little church building, they parted, passed on both sides and met again at the other end, sweeping everything clean. The church was not even scorched. This was regarded as being nothing short of a miracle.

We find that hunger in the heart of a person, who has awakened to a conscious need of God, is far deeper than the hunger for natural bread. A woman wrote us, "I was raised a Catholic, we have three children in the family, the oldest is 17 years. We haven't had bread or flour in the house for two weeks. We need a Bible so that I may tell my children something about God. We want to find our way to Him. I will kneel beside my bed tonight and ask God to send me a Bible."

One Bible, in a family in two years time, meant the conversion of 22 grown people and several children. An old Catholic couple, 75 and 76 years old, and another couple in the late sixties, were also wonderfully transformed through the power of the Word of God.

When the Bible first reached this needy family, neighbors came in and they stayed up all night to read it. They learned the truth of the Psalmist's song: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

In the northern part of Minnesota, near the Canadian border, a missionary held a service in a school house. Fifty persons were present. The missionary asked how many possessed a

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Bible, and not one hand was raised. Then he asked how many had ever read in a Bible, and only three hands went up. Most of these people were adults.

Our blessed Lord ended His parable of the Sower with the statement

that, "THE SOWER SOWETH THE WORD".

With every conceivable kind of tares being planted in the American mind today, it does seem that Christians should watch at all times, for opportunities to sow the Word of God!

Christian Light In Dark Places

By the Secretary of the American Mission to Lepers

TO THE man or woman who sits in familiar surroundings and periodically sends a contribution toward mission work, the picture of strange and distant lands to which their dollars go is often difficult to visualize.

Even more vague and misty is the vision raised for little children in their church school classes, as verbal and pictorial descriptions unfold. The new medium of the motion picture is still very much in its infancy in the mission field, and frequently proves somewhat inadequate.

But living, vivid testimony written down with care and feeling by workers on the field brings a vision that can never fade — and which can be recaptured whenever the need arises. Such testimony has in recent months been pouring into the offices of the American Mission to Lepers, in part stimulated by the visits of Emory Ross, the Mission's secretary, to foreign fields.

For The Defender, the Mission has this month opened its files and brought forth two interesting descriptions of the mission work.

Transforming A Leper Colony

The first comes from Mr. John Co, in China. He writes: "While teaching

in a higher primary school in Foochow one day, I felt my hands were getting rather weak. I went to see a physician about it. After careful examination, the doctor discovered that I was suffering from a form of leprosy. What a shock to me this was! I at once resigned from the school I was teaching in, and returned to my home.

"Many questions began to arise. What am I to do now? How can I face my family and my friends with such terrible news? Why did God let such a terrible sickness take hold of me? Why continue studying the Bible? And why pray any longer? Then came the thought of suicide. How I do thank God that at this time Bishop and Mrs. John Gowdy came to my help. They comforted me and urged me to continue following Jesus Christ.

"Here was my only hope. It was arranged for me to go to Yenping to take treatments and at the same time to preach the Gospel to the poor lepers in the public Leprosarium.

"When I first arrived and saw the condition of this place, I was quite discouraged. It had not been cleaned up for some time, and high grass and weeds were growing everywhere. Dirt, flies and spiders were in sight on every hand. The road leading to the hospital was narrow. When I arrived at the gate, the lepers were standing there to receive me, twenty-one of them from seven different counties. They seemed hopeless. There was no one living there to comfort and guide them. They

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ܫܡܟܐ	sh-makh	thy name
ܬܐܬܝ	ta-ty	come
ܡܠܟܐܬܗܝܬ	mal-co-thakh	thy kingdom
ܢܗܝܬ	neh-wey	let be
ܨܝܠܐܢܐܬܐ	sev-la-nakh	thy wishes
ܐܝܥܢܐܢܐ	ai-can-na	as
ܕܒܪܟܬܐ	dvash-ma-ya	in universe
ܐܢܐ	op	so
ܒܐܪܐ	ba-rah	in earth
ܗܒܐܢ	hav-lan	give us
ܠܚܝܬܐ	lah-ma	bread
ܕܥܢܐܢܐ	dun-ka-nan	our need
ܐܢܐ	op	today
ܕܥܢܐܢܐ	dun-ka-nan	and release us
ܐܢܐ	op	from offenses

fainted and were like sheep without a shepherd. When I arrived and they saw my smiling face, they were quite surprised that I could be happy. After I had held several prayer meetings they realized that God was present and would help us.

"Now began the work of cleaning up. Together we cut the tall grass growing around the place, and widened the road, planting flowers on each side. Flies and spiders disappeared. Busy bees and butterflies came to visit. Dirt was carted away. We made a nice clearing, using bricks for seats. Here we sat at sunset to sing songs and tell stories and here we held our Christmas service. All this work did not cost one cent; everything was done by the lepers themselves.

"Every day at 7 o'clock we have evening prayers. On Sunday morning at 10, we have worship service. On Sunday evening, special services are held. I taught them to pray. At first only three or four opened their mouths in prayer, now most everyone prays, saying 'Lord save us, forgive us our sins, pity us. God bless all the friends who send gifts to help us. May all the lepers be saved and cured!'"

Remembering "Others"

From Dr. E. A. Harris at the Kano Leper Settlement in Nigeria, West Africa, comes these words of hope: "One morning during the compound prayer service, Mrs. Harris asked if any one really believed God answered prayer. Bubba, who is reading the Scriptures to three Moslems at present, said, 'Yes, I am sure He does. Some time ago, you sent me on an errand in Kano. As you know, I am a country boy, unused to the city. After getting off the lorry at the walls of the city, I spent hours in vain, looking for the Mission Station. Finally, night came on. I was tired and worried, lost in a big city.

"Suddenly, it occurred to me, why not pray to God. So right there along the roadside I knelt down and prayed. In the midst of the prayer an officer came, stopped, and asked the cause of my trouble. I told him, showing him the letter on which the Mission address was. He said, I know where it is. Come, I will take you. And he did. Now I am sure God answers prayer.'"

To the average American reader this may seem to be a simple incident, but when we realize that it is the experience of one living in a heathen land, where people have existed for centuries in darkness, the very fact of willingness to trust God takes on a new meaning.

If the Gospel emphasizes one ideal above another, it is the ideal of *living for OTHERS*. The lepers of the world are to a great extent a forgotten people. They are a pitiful people! Certainly, they qualify for a place among the "others" for whom Christ died.

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What was true regarding the offer of world dominion to the first federal head of the race, Adam, is emphatically true of the second federal head, "the last Adam", our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet" (Ps. 8:6). But we are told elsewhere in the Scriptures that the complete triumph of Messiah will not take place until after His return on the clouds of glory.

Material Empires

As Adam was the head of the old race, Jesus Christ is the head of the

new race. "The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven." (1 Cor. 15:45,47)

Every human being in the world is a member of one of these two races. By physical birth we enter the realm of the first Adam. By spiritual birth we enter the realm of the second Adam. "As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." (1 Cor. 15:49)

The experience of the new birth literally transplants one from the material Adam to the spiritual Adam. Those who thus accept Christ become recipients of a new life, a new nature. Hence the words of Paul, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17)

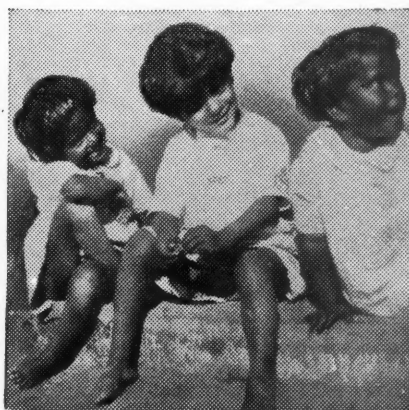
The collapse of the kingdom of the first Adam made necessary the coming of the second Adam into the world.

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WILL YOU BRING CHRIST AND HOPE

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AIDS LEPER WORK OF ALL DENOMINATIONS

TRIUMPH.

From Page 25.

After the fall in Eden, the dream of world empire seized the brain of man. Ever since the attempt to build the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11), one ruler after another has sought to hold the sceptre of world dominion.

History recognizes four universal empires — the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and Roman. The sway of none of these has been quite absolute, yet strong enough to place these nations in the category of universal empires.

We readily recognize that the aspiration for predominant world-power is no new ambition. Since the passing of Roman supremacy, there have been a number of aspirants for world dominion. Alaric tried and failed, Charlemagne also tried and failed. Napoleon's attempt at universal rule is written in the blood of eleven million of his fellow men. At the present time, we are witnessing the rise of dictatorships — animated by the same evil spirit.

In the great metallic image seen by King Nebuchadnezzar, and interpreted by the prophet (Daniel 2), there is room for but four universal human empires. And when inspiration says four, man cannot make it five!

It is useless for men to try to resist the program of God. In harmony with the word of prophecy, the kingdom of Babylon was succeeded by that of the

Medes and Persians; then came the kingdom of Greece, and after that the Roman Empire.

According to the divinely revealed program, the fifth kingdom is to be the kingdom of the Messiah, represented by the Stone in the prophecy of Daniel 2:45.

The head of gold was Babylon; breast of silver, Medo-Persia; thighs of brass, Greece; legs of iron, Rome. The crashing Stone which destroys the Image and fills the whole earth, represents our Lord and Christ in His glorious appearing.

The Second Psalm contains a picture of the Messiah's triumph. Let us concentrate our thoughts upon this beautiful passage of Scripture. It is often overlooked or wrongly interpreted. Rev. James Stalker has said that he doubts if there could be produced from either sacred or profane literature, a more remarkable instance of putting a great deal into a few words than this Psalm. He has also called attention to the fact that it is a great poem, as well as a great Messianic prophecy, and that the theme is painted pictorially.

There is not one picture in these 12 verses; there are four. They are different, yet all closely connected, and at the end are brought together into dramatic unity. The artistic balance is perfectly kept, the same number of words being given to each picture. There is no hurry or overcrowding. Every picture is painted broadly and freely, and even with a great deal of elaboration. Yet the whole Psalm contains but a dozen verses.

The Psalm is full of Christ. It opens abruptly. It contains three series of utterances representing three different speakers. The first is the writer of the Psalm (verses 1-6). The second is the Messiah Himself (verses 7-9). The third is the Lord Jehovah (verses 10-12). What the Psalmist himself says constitutes the first division. Let us briefly consider the four divisions in order.

I. Messiah's Foes

The Psalm opens with an utterance of amazement. "Why do the heathen

rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?"

The writer then gives, in the first three verses, a vivid picture of the revolt against Messiah. This is the earth picture. The heaven picture will come later.

In the first three verses there is a picture of a confederation of the nations, and the consultation of the nations against Jehovah and His Christ. Rev. F. E. Marsh has said that nothing could more dramatically express a great combine of earth's authorities. Let us notice in particular what is here said of the nations.

1. *The nations rage in displeasure.* The nations rage. Nothing has ever excited so much enmity as Christ and the Gospel. This hostility is violent, intense. The picture is that of the tossing of the waves of the sea. The margin of the Revised Version suggests this, when we are told that the nations "tumultuously assemble". They are wild with anger. There is one perpetual restlessness; one ceaseless movement of discontent; the throbbing of rebellion that cannot be appeased; the turmoil of a vain, bitter, and ceaseless revolt.

2. *The people imagine a vain thing.* They would run the world without regard to God and His Christ. It is folly to ignore God and His plan. It is useless for the potsherd to strive with his Maker. The heaving ocean does not accomplish anything worthwhile by its unrest; neither will the opposition to God bring about the desired results.

3. *The kings of the earth set themselves.* The hostility is organized. Here is arrayed opposition. There is deliberate rejection of the Christ. Earthly kings and rulers determine to oppose the Lord's work. When the Lord Jesus Christ began to preach, the rulers and not the common people, set themselves to defeat Him.

4. *The rulers take counsel together.* We see the determination by which the revolt is characterized. They take counsel against the "Anointed". That means the Messiah, the Christ of the New Testament. Men who take counsel together in nothing else, agree in

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hatred toward God and His Anointed. Though hating each other, they have cried in unison, "Away with Christ". How literally were these words fulfilled when Pontius Pilate, who yielding to the demands of the rulers of the Jews, united, in putting Jesus to death!

5. *Let us break their bands asunder.* The simile speaks of a rebellious animal endeavoring to be free. The requirements of the Gospel are considered fetters that bind, cords that hold sinful human nature in check. There is a strong desire to be free from the wise constraints which our Lord imposes. The spirit here indicated, has been manifested throughout this whole dispensation. It was never more strongly marked than at the present time. There is a spirit of lawlessness abroad in the world which is well described in these words.

6. *And cast away their cords from us.* The constraints of the Gospel may seem irksome, but how foolish are people who think they can throw off their responsibility to Almighty God! Messiah's foes desire to cast off the strong cords that God has given for binding His people together.

Note the extent of the revolt. Here are the words used, "Nations", "People", "Kings", "Rulers". The revolt has been running through the centuries, underlying human history, breaking out in fresh manifestations in age after age.

The six New Testament references to this Psalm indicate that it had a partial fulfillment at the first advent of Christ, but a more complete fulfillment is seen in history since that time. In the present age, we are witnessing the intensification of all forms of opposition to Christ. This is to continue until the second advent, when Messiah will completely triumph over His foes.

II. Jehovah's Derision

Verses 4 to 6 pull aside the curtain, and give us the heaven picture, and divine tranquillity. Jehovah is calm amid the raging of His foes. God is undismayed and undisturbed. He patiently waits till the rage has spent itself in vain, like the fretting billows against the rock-bound coast.

1. *He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh.* It is a striking metaphor. The Victor is in the heavens — watching the wicked plots, reading the evil thoughts, hearing the decisions of His enemies. As the Psalmist thinks of the Divine One, observing all that is

transpiring upon earth, he speaks of the laughter of God. Someone has said that it is a poet's phrase but a prophet's truth.

2. *The Lord shall have them in derision.* He despises the petty and futile hostility of men. He holds in contempt their puny efforts to oppose Him. The derision of the Most High! What a figure to use! Over and over again God has turned into contempt the wrath of His enemies. He will do so on a larger scale at the Judgment Day!

3. *Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath.* God has spoken so much in love that some people do not consider it possible for Him to speak in wrath. But there is considerable said in the Bible about the wrath of God. One of the most striking pictures in the whole Bible is that of the rejectors of the Christ, saying to the mountains and rocks: "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:16).

4. *Vex them in His sore displeasure.* The word "vex" is rendered "trouble" in the margin. The opposers of God's government bring this trouble upon themselves. They treasure up wrath against the day of wrath. The Lord is displeased with wickedness. Most of the time, He withholds the bolts of judgment, but in several great judgments in the past, He has clearly shown His attitude toward sin.

5. *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.* It is not a king, not the king, but my King. The word "set" means to invest with authority and place in a position by appointment. The Son of God is the divinely appointed King; He is the divinely anointed King. Despite the determined hatred and opposition of men upon earth, Jehovah's Anointed shall reign. The Bible pictures Him with all the ensigns of royalty; sword, sceptre, escutcheon, crown, throne. He is now seated with the Father in His throne, but He will soon come to occupy His own throne and exercise righteous rule. The authority He has, and the power He will possess, are given to Him by His Father (Matthew 28:18; John 5:27; 13:3; 17:2, 24; Acts 17:31) "My King". Think

of the dignity of His person, the extent of His dominion, the greatness of His power, the blessedness of His sway.

III. Messiah's Manifesto

1. *I will declare the decrees.* In verses 7 to 9, the scene is again changed. He reveals what the Father has said to Him. "Thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee." Alexander MacLaren has said of these words: "The point of time referred to is not the beginning of personal existence, but of investiture with royalty." This investiture had its inception when our Lord arose from the dead; it will have its consummation in Messiah's reign (Acts 13:30-37). "He was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." (Romans 1:4)

2. *Ask of me.* What was Christ's authority to ask of the Father? "The heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession." Let us claim the heathen for Christ through prayer, before He comes as Judge. The uttermost parts of the earth belong to Christ by right of inheritance, creation and redemption. Let us persuade as many as possible to accept their redemption rights in Christ. The whole earth comes within the scope of the falling Stone.

3. *Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron.* The rod of iron shall put down all opposition. Christ is not to find a converted world when He comes. Christ

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comes in judgment, as well as mercy. There is construction, as well as reconstruction. Dr. Alexander puts it thus: "Destruction has still to be done, and its most terrible energy is to be displayed in the future, when all opposition is to be withered into nothingness by the brightness of His presence." Three times in the book of Revelation it is said that He shall "rule all nations with a rod of iron" (Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15). Let us now submit to His rule of love.

4. *Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.* This is the repetition of the same truth under another figure. The potter's vessel. "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted" (Isa. 60:12). The Canaanites, the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans would not serve God, and they have perished. Ere long, all earthly kingdoms shall give way to the heavenly kingdom of Messiah.

No decree of the divine government can be frustrated. People may fail to recognize the claims of Jesus Christ, but Jehovah's great purpose of making Him King of the world is unchanged and unchangeable. Whether some people will have Him or not, Christ is to be the King of the world. Those who will not acknowledge His Lordship must perish. Loyal hearts rejoice in the thought of His glorious reign. All worldly kingdoms are to give way to the sovereignty of Christ at His coming. (Dan. 2:44; 7:13, 14; Matt. 13:40-43; Rev. 11:15.)

IV. Jehovah's Counsels

1. *Be wise. Be instructed.* In verses 10 to 12, Jehovah entreats thus through the Psalmist-Prophet. There is here a divine call to teachableness. Now stop and consider! Learn the folly of opposition to God before it is too late! Oh, that kings and rulers and people more generally would consider this call to wisdom. Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation.

2. *Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.* This is a call to do His bidding, to be governed by His laws while it is called today. We ought to rejoice that God has filled our lives with blessings. We need to fear, lest we ignore God and slight the precious opportunities of life which He has given us. If we are in tune

with the Infinite we will render joyful service unto our God, but we need to fear lest we get out of harmony with God and favor the revolt.

3. *Kiss the Son.* This is a call to reconciliation, to submission. Do Him homage. During this war against Jehovah and His Anointed, fight on the winning side, that is, on the side of Christ. All opposition shall cease when God blots out the incorrigible rebels. "Kiss the Son". This call is backed by a most weighty reason: "Lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way,

when his wrath is kindled but a little." "Blessed are all they that put their trust in him".

Heed the appeal of tenderness which closes this wonderful Psalm. Realize the blessedness of those who fight for, not against, God. The blessedness that is ours now, is a foretaste of the blessedness that is to come.

Man's little day of opposition will soon close. Blessed be God, the Redeemer-King comes! He comes to reign!

Social Security -- As Viewed By A Canadian

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, Pastor Peoples Church, Toronto

IN ITALY, there was a brief period of Socialism, followed by a complete financial break-down, and then — a Dictatorship.

In Germany, Socialism and other political creeds dominated the Country for some fourteen years, then—Hitler.

In Russia, Kerensky introduced a moderate form of Socialism. Later Lenin brought the Country under a complete system of Socialism on the pretext of ending once and for all, the suffering of the masses. The result?—30,000,000 shot, murdered, starved, imprisoned, exiled. Religion completely overthrown and all liberty of speech, press and thought abolished. The individual, nothing, the State all!

In Spain, the Socialists gained control of the Country and Civil War started. Today Spain is a nation of massacre and bloodshed, famine, disease and death. Already some 15,000 religious leaders have been executed. No safety anywhere.

I have just come back from New Zealand where the so-called Labor Government has been returned to power. Here is a letter written by a supporter of Socialism:

"On Election Day I will vote for Socialism. I know how it has worked in other countries, where the State is all and the individual nothing. I am uneasy about losing my liberty and my standard of living and wages, but after all I will still have my Socialism. I can call it Communism, Labor or Socialism,—what does it matter? It is all the same. The State controls the means

of production, and that means my livelihood and my children's. You may say I am perverse, unreasonable. But after all its my affair if I choose to take the risk."

Thus, a man with some degree of knowledge as to the importance of the step he is taking, decides to contribute his vote in helping bring about the destruction of his liberties and the liberties of his family.

The Same Old Story

Do we want our children to drag out an existence as wage-slaves of a Socialist State, denied access to the professions except at the whim of a dictator? Or do we want them to enjoy the freedom that our fathers won for them?

Where the State controls, it never considers the wishes of the parents. Family traditions and the family spirit have been of supreme importance in shaping the character of the Anglo-saxon race, and if family loyalties and responsibilities are allowed to die, the race will die with them.

Under Socialism — what? Rising taxes, no opportunity, higher costs of living, no incentive. You can't choose your employer; you can't change your employer; you can't quit your job. You do what you are told all your life. Everyone is in complete and absolute dependence on the State—and the State is ruled by a handful of men. Anyone who opposes those in authority menaces

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The experience of all countries which have dabbled in Socialism is that it never stops with mere political control. In Australia, Mr. Lang, a Socialist, brought New South Wales to the verge of collapse.

In England, the Socialist Government so nearly wrecked the Country that Ramsay MacDonald (himself a Socialist) saw the danger, reversed his policies and formed a National Government. In the end, both countries threw off the yoke of Socialism, and National Governments were called in to save the day.

In less fortunate countries, where Socialism ran its course, it brought in its train militant Communism, Soviets, secret police, concentration camps, dictators. The loss of property and liberty bred resistance, and so followed Fascism, brother fighting brother, mothers and children held as hostages, the slaughter of innocents, destruction, desolation and despair.

Regimentation or Free Enterprise

Labor Governments, in the final analysis, never benefit the laboring man. Small salaries are taxed. Higher wages are given and then taken in taxes. Shorter hours and more money, accompanied by heavier taxes, means less money for food and clothing.

In the recent elections in New Zealand, some of the Social Security Candidates openly stated that since the Government had raised wages and shortened hours, the hotels, liquor stores and breweries had benefited, and that therefore they should support the Government. Shame! And so the working man comes out the loser after all.

Communism is supposed to produce a classless society but in Russia there is a greater class distinction than ever existed in the days of the Czar. The Communist leaders have all the luxuries, cars, homes, food, clothing, etc., while the masses have little or nothing.

And in New Zealand, members of the Government are building luxurious homes, homes worth over \$20,000, and in various other ways, enriching themselves at the cost of the Country.

When our fathers landed in North America, they came to carve out an

existence for themselves. It never dawned on them to look to the Government for help. They were independent. A spirit of free enterprise possessed them. Ambition lured them on. They found a way or made it.

But today the Government says, "Don't work, don't worry, don't exert yourself; we will do your thinking for you; we will take care of you."

And how do they propose to do it? By taking material things from the great builders of the nation, those who have invested and used their talents—by legally robbing them, by confiscation of property, by destroying the liberties of poor and rich alike, by making it impossible for the poor to ever enjoy an opportunity of coming into possession of plenty. If an individual were to do that, he would be sent to the penitentiary for life, but when a Government does it, it is supposed to be all right.

Why, in Queensland where they have a so-called Labor Government, I heard on every hand that no one with any capital would ever dream of investing it in that area. As a matter of fact, capital is unobtainable. Public confidence is gone. Character in government has been destroyed. The people feel that the very ground on which they are standing is sliding from beneath their feet.

You see, the spirit of creative enterprise is gone. Investors fight shy, for they know that the State is doomed.

They even wanted to tax me on the money I was earning at home, 11,000 miles away. Can you beat it? No wonder men with means are leaving the Country to live under a flag of freedom once more. No wonder many are sending their surplus funds to other countries for safe-keeping.

Religious Liberty At Stake

We had Social Security, as Dr. Winrod points out, on the North American continent at one time. The negro slaves had no worries. Their food was provided, their clothing and houses. Even medical attention cost them nothing. And their old age was assured. They had everything they needed, but—they were slaves. And under Social Security the people are the slaves and the Government the owner. In Russia there are now 160,000,000 slaves. *Strange, is it not, that white people should vote to become slaves?*

I believe that the best work will be done if the people are left as free as possible to shape their own destiny. Certain controls are necessary, but I

deny with tens of thousands of others, the right of the State to do everything for everyone, leaving the people no more choice, initiative or freedom than domestic animals.

The individual is bound to do more for himself, his family, and his community if allowed freedom to function and launch out. Human liberty is at stake in the present controversy.

As Christians, we should never forget that Socialism has always pushed its way into the realm of religious freedom, in countries where it has been permitted to gain economic and political control. Social Security, so-called, thus interferes with Eternal Security. It takes freedom of worship away from the children of God every time it is given the scepter of power.

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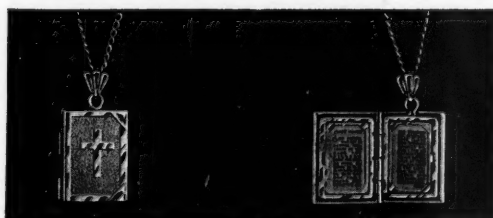
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Propaganda and Prophecy

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

ONLY in the prophetic Scriptures do we find an explanation for the present complicated international situation.

The storm which is now engulfing the nations was anticipated by writers in olden times, who scanned the centuries through the telescope of prophecy. We are rapidly approaching the Armageddon of the Apocalypse. An old dispensation is dying. A new dispensation is being born.

True to the words of Paul, the ushering in of the new age, is like the pangs of childbirth. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as *travail upon a woman with child*; and they shall not escape."

The great scientific achievements of the last two decades, have brought the nations of the world close together. Cable service, radio, modern transportation and other methods for abolishing distance, make it possible for one man or a small group of men, to mould sentiment and dominate public thought, in ways never dreamed by our fathers and mothers.

The leaders of various systems are so eager to advance their objectives, that they have invented the most striking ways for influencing the masses of people. By radio and otherwise, their appeals to the mass mind overflow all boundary lines between governments.

Stirring International Emotions

Truth is disregarded in attempts to inflame human passions. The name given to these mental bombardments is *propaganda*. Slogans are invented, straw men are put up to be knocked down, air channels are subsidized, politicians are controlled, news agencies yield secretly to censorship — and the man in the street is compelled to fight his way through a labyrinth of falsehood in trying to ferret out facts.

The current issue of a widely read publication carries a large picture of a goofy-looking individual, described as "the gullible fellow who believes everything the propagandists tell him". On the left side of Mr. Goofy there is

a lady syndicate writer, and at his right there sits a radio commentator. The editorial which accompanies the pictures says: "Don't be a sap! Read your own newspaper; do your own thinking about what you read in it".

Whole nations have been thrown into convulsions by the use of deceptive propaganda. Wars have been started, revolutions have been generated, class hatreds and resultant bloodshed have been produced — by propaganda.

Someone at the top, who has access to the arteries of public information, creates a slogan. It is repeated again and again — as for instance "make the world safe for democracy!" — by degrees it sinks into the public mind and *physical action* is the result.

Mr. Goofy picks up the catch phrase, repeats it several times and finally comes to believe it. Little does he realize that ideas, planted by a more powerful intellect, are simply being muddled over in his mind. To him, a lie has become truth. He croaks what he is told, *like a frog!*

Governments are being ruled by propaganda. Millions of people are living their daily lives under the hypnotic spell of propaganda. Truth is being crucified by propaganda.

Behind the scenes, there is one called the *Dragon*, who prompts the thoughts and inspires the lies, of our modern age. The Dragon in the book of Revelation is Satan.

It is decidedly probable that present-day leadership by propaganda was anticipated in Revelation 16:13, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet".

Verses 13, 14, 15 and 16 of this chapter, refer specifically to the final battle of Armageddon. The unclean frogs are credited with responsibility for this great struggle. Croaking propaganda is taking the nations, with lightning speed, toward an inferno which will cause the terrors of the World War to fade into insignificance.

Propaganda, in the last analysis, is responsible for the international tension which now exists. And, as if con-

firming the prophecy regarding the three frogs, there are *three* major systems of political propaganda operating in the world today.

The Antichrist Empire

The book of Revelation comes at the close of the Bible. It is natural that its message should deal with the closing events of human history.

In its 22 chapters we find a complete statement of age-end trends, culminating with a period of suffering called the Great Tribulation. The last years of the dispensation will find the human family struggling under the reign of a vicious personage, known to prophetic students as the *Antichrist*.

Recent developments, on the international scale, fit the prophetic picture with amazing accuracy. Prophecies, which a few years ago were difficult to understand, are now clear and easy to grasp.

The Apocalypse not only gives exact details regarding the person and achievements of the Man of Sin; it tells of his ultimate overthrow by the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of the importance of its message, the Revelation is the only book of the Bible that promises a special blessing to those who read. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy."

There is an intimate connection between Daniel 7, Revelation 13 and the Armageddon prophesied in chapter 16.

Volumes have been written on the 13th chapter of Revelation but its message becomes clear, only when associated with the 7th of Daniel. Two "beasts" are described by John in the chapter, the first of which is Antichrist. Note the description: "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a LEOPARD, and his feet were as the feet of a BEAR, and his mouth as the mouth of a LION: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

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leopard, bear, lion and a nondescript creature representing the revived Roman Empire under the dominance of Antichrist himself. Now, turning to Daniel, chapter 7, verse 3, "And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another".

The LION of Daniel 7:4 represents the ancient Babylonian Empire and corresponds to the head of gold on the metal image of chapter 2.

The BEAR of Daniel 7:5 represents the Medo-Persian Empire and corresponds to the breast of silver, on the metal image.

The LEOPARD of Daniel 7:6 represents the Grecian Empire under Alexander and corresponds to the thighs of brass on the metal image.

The "dreadful and terrible" beast of Daniel 7:7 represents the old Roman Empire and corresponds to the legs of iron on the metal image. This is the beast that was predicted in Revelation 13 to resurrect from the dead.

The final Antichrist government will undoubtedly embrace the geographical areas of these former kingdoms; it will also share the beastial traits of each.

Reverend Arthur W. Pink says: "The Roman Empire in its final form will include within its borders the territory controlled by the earlier Empires and will also perpetuate the dominant characteristics of the ancient Babylonians, Medo-Persians and Grecians."

Man of Sin Living Today

But Revelation 13 not only alludes to the beast kingdom of the age-end; it also refers to the personality of the Antichrist. The sum total of prophetic fulfillment, as related to human government, anticipates a period when all law and order — civil, political, religious and moral — will be overthrown. Out of this spasm of world-wide carnage, Antichrist will step forward as the crowning masterpiece of Satan.

The world has never seen such a man! He will be a demigod, the most inhuman and powerful Superman of the ages. THAT MAN IS UNDOUBTEDLY IN THE FLESH AT THE PRESENT HOUR.

"Who is like unto the beast?" asks John. "Who is able to make war with him?"

Bible students, down through the centuries, have written about the coming Man of Sin and their descriptions fit the days in which we are living. They have pointed forward to the Great Tribulation and final destruction of the Antichrist.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. . . . And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the

working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

The coming of the World War, the rebirth of Jewish nationalism, the rise of international Communist propaganda, the tragedy of Russia, the building of a League of Nations, the revival of the old Roman Empire under Mussolini, the appearance of Nazism, the massacre of Ethiopia, the taking of Austria, the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia — these and many other catastrophic changes are all pointing to

ward a reign of Satanism, the like of which the human family has never known.

Reverend Michael Baxter, England's noted writer on prophetic themes, saw the present international crisis coming, and while he erred on certain details of interpretation, yet his general outline of events has proved to be correct. Exactly 72 years ago, he wrote:

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before long be the scenes of tremendous revolutionary explosions of hitherto pent-up forces, which will shiver into atoms their present absolutist monarchical governments: and they will be formed into Republics and adopt Universal Suffrage: for the spirit from the mouth of the Wild-beast or Roman Empire is to 'go forth to the nations of the earth and of the whole world' (Revelation 16:13)."

More Christian Persecution

Baxter was a Britisher and was therefore anxious about the position of his own Country in the scheme of prophetic fulfillment. In the following quotation from his writings he predicted the rise of dictators in the territory ruled by old Rome and the alignment with them which Chamberlain is negotiating at this very hour. He also saw waves of savage persecution ahead for the Christians of Europe as well as Russia. He said:

"But the worst element of the tribulation will be religious persecution, for we are told that the wild beast, denoting the Roman Empire controlled by the great Antichrist, is to make war with the saints, and to overcome them, for forty-two months, or three and a half years! All standard literal interpreters of the prophecies agree that this three and a half years' persecution of Christians is yet to come, and is to prevail throughout all the Roman Empire, which in its fullest extent included England. And various year-day interpreters also consider that the slaughter of Christian witnesses for three and a half years is foreshown in the eleventh of Revelation to take place ere long. The case may be stated in a syllogistic form thus:—

"An exterminating persecution of true Christians is to take place throughout all Caesar's Roman Empire, during the final three and a half years.

"But Britain is undoubtedly part of Caesar's entire Roman Empire.

"Therefore an exterminating persecution is to take place throughout Britain during the final three and a half years.

"This conclusion may appear starting to superficial thinkers, who have no adequate idea of the united strength or the continental powers, as compared with that of England alone. But it is clear from prophecy that Britain, al-

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though anxious to stand aloof from entangling alliances with Continental powers, will be compelled by the force of circumstances to ally herself with some of them, and will thus be gradually drawn into the predicted confederacy of the ten Roman nations."

In the third century, the Bishop of Hippolytus prepared a treatise "On the End of the World", which described certain prophetic trends with remarkable accuracy. He wrote of changes which would affect both nature and human nature:

"These things have we told you before, that you may know the trouble and affliction that shall come in the last days, and the envy, hatred, and strife, that shall be at that time rife among mankind. . . .

"Churches shall be as common houses, and in many places shall be destroyed; the Scriptures shall be despised, and profane songs shall be sung everywhere. The rich shall be unmer-

ciful to the poor; great men shall cast off all compassion; magistrates shall be unjust, and for bribes shall pervert the truth. The elements also shall be confounded, and become irregular in their motions."

Returning once more to Baxter, we find this comment on the three frogs:

"There will be a renewed and more intense going forth of the three unclean, frog-like spirits of Infidelity, Revolution, and Superstition, from the Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet, to gather the nations to the last crisis of the Armageddon conflict. . . .

"These lying spirits speaking through the medium of the false prophets, and enabling them to work prodigious miracles, will entice Antichrist and his hosts up to Armageddon, (just as the Crusaders were fanatically allured to their destruction at Jerusalem, and just as Ahab was incited to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead according to 2 Chronicles 8:18-22.)"

Driftwood

Rev. George W. Soerheide, Cleveland, Ohio

FRED Snow and Bob Brown were pals through High School and midway through college before the problems of life came up.

Fred Snow wanted to be a sheep farmer in Montana. Bob Brown wanted to become an actor. Their different ambitions soon led them apart and when college days were over, each went his own way — friends, but pals no longer.

Twenty years have slipped away. Fred Snow is coming down the mountainside of his Montana ranch. In his arms is a little lamb. The lamb is shivering both from cold and from fear. Fred Snow is singing "Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own". On his face is a peace and a calm that only God can give. As he rounds the curve in the road his voice is heard again, "Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own".

And then, looking at the little lamb

in his arms, he said, "Foolish little lamb, why did you wander away? You don't have to tremble so. You are safe in my arms and we are nearly home now. Do you see that high mountain back there? I had to climb nearly to the top before I found you."

Soon the little lamb is safe in the sheepfold and Fred Snow, turning toward the open kitchen door of his home, sang again, "Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own".

"Good evening, sir." Fred Snow stopped suddenly. Visitors at the Snow ranch were few and far between. The voice was that of a man, but Fred Snow, looking closely, saw that his visitor was but a boy. "I was coming down the road, sir, and I heard you singing and I stopped".

The rancher paused for a moment — What had he been singing? Oh, yes, he had been singing the shepherd song, "Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own".

The Talbot Booklets

The writer, who for the past seven years has been sending out a series of booklets, which many have found of special help in the living of a Christian life, now makes announcement that a new book is just off the press.

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And then looking again into the face of the boy, so much like a man, he wondered had the boy heard the message of the song.

"You must be tired and hungry," the rancher said. "Will you sit down for a bite with Mary and myself?" And then, without waiting for the boy's reply, he stepped to the kitchen door and called, "Oh, Mary, set another plate, wife; a lad is here. He is going to eat a bite with us."

The evening meal was soon ready, and sitting around the table, Mary said, "So you found the little lamb, husband?" The rancher smiled. "How did you know I had found the lamb, Mary?" "Oh," she said, "I heard you singing as you came down the mountain, 'Rejoice, the Lord brings back His own', and I knew you had the Lamb in your arms."

The boy looked up suddenly. "Yes, sir," he said, "I heard you singing, too. I liked the song, sir, and that's why I stopped." "Ah, well," said the rancher, "take the Book, Mary, and read a chapter and then you and I will sing a bit of the old hymn together." And once again the lad heard the sweet words of the old shepherd melody, "Rejoice for the Lord brings back His own." Tears flooded his eyes as he pushed his chair back from the table and hurried out into the yard.

"Mary," said the rancher, "I believe that boy needs our help. Shall I ask him to stay for the night? It's a long way, you know, to the next ranch." "By all means ask him, Fred; I somehow feel that he is one of us. And, if you could tramp way up there on that mountain to bring back that little lost lamb, we surely can take care of this boy. He must have a mother somewhere, Fred, and a father, too. Perhaps you and I can take their place for a little while."

In a little while Fred and the boy are working and talking together around the ranch barns. And again and again as the kitchen door opened they hear snatches of the song, "Rejoice, for the

Lord brings back his own".

That night, when the boy is fast asleep, Fred and Mary are sitting together by the great log fire. Outside the winds are blowing cold. Fred is telling Mary that the lad in the next room is the son of his old college pal, Bob Brown.

"It's a sad story, Mary. Bob wanted to be an actor. He married a girl who had ambitions like his own. Little Bob, junior, in there was put in a home. The lack of a mother's love and a father's counsel has made him just a bit of driftwood. Wasn't God good to send him our way? How glad I am that I climbed that mountain to find that little lamb. If I hadn't, Mary, I perhaps would not have been singing, 'Rejoice for the Lord brings back His own'..."

The fall days have slipped away. Bob Brown, Junior, has been with the rancher for nearly three months. Into his face there has come a new expression, into his eyes a new light. He no longer is a "boy" with the face of a "man".

Fred and Mary are sitting once more before the open fireplace. The cold December winds are piling the snow up high around the ranch house. Fred has just finished reading a letter. "We have found them at last, Mary. Here's a letter from my old pal, Bob Brown."

"And, Mary, they don't even know young Bob junior has left the home where they had placed him, to become a bit of driftwood. What are we going to do now, Mary? What are we going to do about the lad?"

"I've been thinking about that, Fred. The only right thing to do is to give him back to them. But I just can't bear to send him away alone. He might become just a bit of driftwood again. Don't you think, Fred, that we might have a Christmas party here at the ranch and give the boy back to his father and mother as a Christmas present?"

"That's a wonderful idea, Mary. I would like to see my old pal once again. Perhaps we could do them some good."

It's the day before Christmas. Bob Brown, the actor, and his wife have

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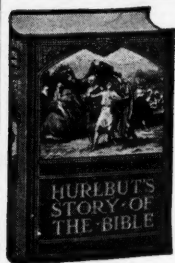
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come to the ranch to spend the holidays with Fred Snow, his old pal, the rancher.

They are sitting before the fireplace. It is Christmas Eve. Bob Junior has kept hidden in his room until he could be presented to his father and mother as their Christmas gift.

"Don't you think, Fred," Mary said, "that we ought to have our little Christmas gifts now so that our friends can have a nice, long rest and be ready to spend a happy Christmas tomorrow?" "Good enough, Mary, suppose you be Santa Claus for tonight." "Very well," said Mary, "I'm going to give Mr. and Mrs. Brown their Christmas gift and then leave them to themselves while I take you out into the kitchen and give you yours."

Quietly she led the way to the spare room in which young Bob was waiting for the Dad and Mother he had hardly known. Mary opened the door and gently pushed them inside the room. And then, closing the door, she hurried out to the kitchen.

Sometime later the reconciled father, mother and son heard the sweet melody of the Shepherd Song coming from the kitchen:

But all through the mountain's thunder riven,
And up from the rocky steep,
There arose a glad cry to the gates of heaven,
Rejoice! I have found my sheep.
And the angels echoed around the throne,
Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own!

It is Christmas morning and a happy group has gathered around the breakfast table at the Snow ranch. Bob Brown and Fred Snow are pals once again. Young Bob has just finished telling Dad and Mother how he came to stop at the ranch.

"Could you sing that song for Dad and Mother?" he said, turning to Mr. Snow. Mary looked at Fred and then, with a soft understanding look shining in their eyes, they began to sing:

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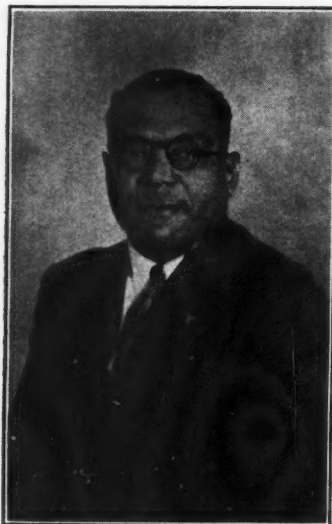
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My Day In Puerto Rico

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PAUL'S admonition to the Ephesians is constantly before me: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Bible scholars have put the Apostle's words in different ways: "Buying up for yourselves the reasonable time, whenever it occurs, of doing good to yourselves and to others."

"Buying off from the vanities of them that are without and from the unwise here, the opportune time afforded to you for the work of God."

"Watch the time, and make it your own so as to control it; as merchants look out for opportunities, and accurately choose out the best goods; serve not the time, but command it, and it shall do what you approve. The time followed him as a servant, and was not as a runaway slave."

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you have looked back, as I have done, and wished for an opportunity to live at least a part of your life over in order to redeem wasted years and improve vanished opportunities. If 'now' is 'afterwards' tomorrow, then it behooves us to obey the laws of God and man 'today'. Can wasted years be redeemed? My answer, based upon what I have experienced, is a positive YES."

In the same book, the Author of "Redeeming the Years the Locust Hath Eaten" quotes a lady, describing a Christian worker as follows:

He held the lamp of truth that day
So low that none could miss the way;
And yet so high to bring in sight
That picture fair, "The World's Great Light",
That gazing up—the lamp between
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

The above expressions embody my deepest sentiments. On a mission field, one wants to see each and every day to bring forth a new harvest for the Master.

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While it is being typed, for the radio station censor, we feed on the Word, look for prophetic fulfillments in the morning press, hold interviews with colporteurs, chapel preachers, evangelists, workers that come early before I leave.

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workers of San Juan, and come back in time for the evening service at Rio Piedras Tabernacle, where my subject has been announced previously.

When the meeting is over, the radio staff practices music for the next morning program, until we know all is ready.

Then we say, "so long" to each other, until we meet again early in the morning for another broadcast of the Defenders radio program.

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Africa Is Calling

THE current issue of that stalwart journal of missionary news and inspiration, *Call To Prayer*, contains an excellent article on African missions, from which the following is taken:

"Today, there are over six thousand missionaries in the dark Continent. This is less than one to every twenty thousand population, and there are still great areas with little or no Gospel.

"It can still be said that there are millions in Africa who have never heard a Christian message; but we do praise God that more than two million five hundred thousand are at least nominal Christians and thousands of these are Spirit-filled saints.

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is willing to come with me?"

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The Author reproduces the original score of "Silent Night, Holy Night" as written by the hand of Franz Gruber. He has located and reproduced photographs of both Mohr and Gruber, accompanying same with appropriate

biographical sketches. He relates the incident which occurred in the stillness of the Austrian Alps, that inspired Mohr to write immortal words capable of inspiring the lives and homes of millions.

A word needs to be said about the physical appearance of this remarkable book. It is, of course, bound in cloth and properly jacketed. The cover is printed in sky-blue ink with specks of sparkling gold dotted over the surface to resemble stars in the vaulted dome above. There is a two-inch margin of drawings on both sides, the top and the bottom of every page — mountain scenes of snow and evergreens to remind one of the Alps where the hymn was written, a place described by the Author as being "bedecked with cedars, evergreens and glittering snowflakes".

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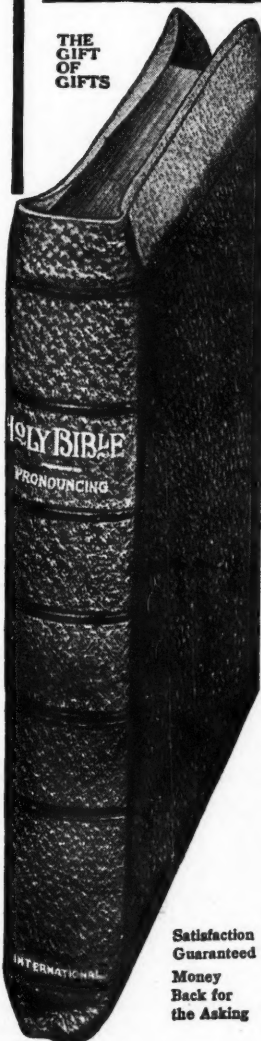
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December 11

The Sin of Covetousness

Ex. 20:17; Luke 12:13-21;
1 Tim. 6:6-10

GOLDEN Text: "Thou shalt not covet." Ex. 20:17.

All the former commandments have forbidden overt acts. This final word utters its solemn warning against sin in the inner and hidden life. We have for consideration a commandment which may be broken without the knowledge of any other human being.

The whole force of the commandment lies in these words: "Thy neighbor's . . . thy neighbor's . . . his . . . his . . . his . . . his . . . thy neighbor's." This is a sevenfold guarding of the interests of others. It is not wrong to desire a wife, nor a man servant, nor a maid servant, nor an ox, nor an ass, nor anything that is in itself right. It is wrong to desire any of these, when through circumstances, they are beyond the honest reach of the person.

Thus, the Christian life is both vertical and horizontal. Vertical, in the sense that the soul contacts God. Horizontal, in the matter of human relationships with our fellowmen.

Covetousness disturbs all the highest possibilities of life. These attainments, for which every soul should seek, are suggested in the Apostle's arrangement of the fruits of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control". Covetousness destroys all of these virtues.

Instead of love, there will be suspicion and hatred; instead of joy, there comes sorrow and heartaches; instead of peace, covetousness brings feverish unrest; instead of long-suffering, impatience; instead of kindness, cruelty; instead of goodness, miserliness; instead of faithfulness, infidelity; instead of meekness, arrogance; instead of self-control, self-assurance.

"Take heed and keep yourselves from all covetousness, for man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

Our Lord enforced this statement by the parable of the rich fool, who notwithstanding all his getting, found no present rest. By acumen and concentration, he attempted to feed his soul with "goods", imagining that the spirit-life could be satisfied with eating, drinking and merriment. So also Paul ranks "the covetous man" with the "fornicator", the "unclean person", the "idolater", and declares that he has

no "inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God". (Eph. 5:4-5).

Surely this last commandment must bring us all into a place of humility and conviction of sin and to a sense of human helplessness. Paul, who after thirty years of Christian experience, reviewed his old life as a Hebrew of the Hebrews, said: "As touching the law, a Pharisee; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless." Yet when he faced this last word, "Thou shalt not covet", he became conscious that sin wrought in him "all manner of coveting", and he found that the commandment which was unto life, was in him unto death.

Covetousness is, in the last analysis, an exaggerated estimate of worldly goods so that they detract from faith in, and obedience to, God.

December 18

Christ's New Commandment

Matt. 5:43-48; 22:34-40; John
13:34-35; 15:12-14

GOLDEN Text: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34.

Every breach of the decalogue is a violation of divine love. It follows, therefore, if love controls one's life, there will be no such breach.

If men love God in the breadth and beauty suggested by the words "with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind", they cannot possibly find room for a false god. If men love God supremely, they will not allow anything to stand between them and the Heavenly Father; thus the graven image is broken to pieces and swept away by the force of a stronger affection.

Out of love will spring a hallowing of the Name of God and this will dry the springs of blasphemy, and at the same time make the double dealing of the hypocrite an impossibility. The Sabbath will be eagerly welcomed, and

all its privileges earnestly and gladly appropriated when the holy day becomes a season in which love finds true expression through an attitude of worship.

Jesus knew that His days on earth, with His disciples, were drawing to a close. He left them a law of life. That law was the law of love. Moses had said to love our neighbor as ourself. Jesus went further and said for us to love one another as He loved us. This was our Lord's final and all-inclusive commandment, the one unailing proof whereby all men shall know that we are His disciples.

Perhaps you have heard some well-meaning Christian say: "I am going to try to love God better". Love doesn't try to love! Imagine a devoted husband telling a true wife that he is going to try to love her better. Love doesn't try to love. Love just loves. Love loves! A colored preacher once said: "Just turn your heart loose in the right direction and you can't keep from lovin' God."

"God is love". Calvary is rooted in love. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Sinai was put aside at Calvary. The law is written upon the tables of the heart, at Calvary, instead of tablets of stone. It is only when His love indwells the human spirit and constrains the heart, that the law of Sinai is fulfilled. Let Christ reign in the life of man, and thoughts will be born, words will be spoken, deeds will be done, in love. Then, in thought and word and deed, the law will be fulfilled.

It will be profitable to search and try the heart by the new commandment, rather than by the old. Let the deeds of every day life be traced to their motive, and every word traced to inspiration, and every thought probed to conception — and if the result of this process be that love is discovered, you may rest content as to character and conduct. Such searching must cause all of us deep humiliation, and drive the humbled soul into a state of dependence upon Him Who was, and is, Eternal Love.

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December 25
God's Great Love

Matt. 2:1-12

GOLDEN Text: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

It is a happy circumstance that Christmas this year falls on Sunday. To the natural joy of the season is added this year, the sanctity and spirit of worship, which characterizes the Lord's Day. Christmas has become too much a secular occasion! It commemorates the birth of our Saviour, and we should never forget that its spiritual significance is paramount.

We may well ask ourselves today the question the wise men asked, *Where is He?*

If He never arose from the dead, but died as other men, and went down into the grave from which He was not to emerge until some future resurrection day, then there is little use of our asking the question, *Where is He?*

But the fact that He rose from the dead and appeared in the glory of His resurrection, makes it possible for us to answer with confidence today *where He is*. We can seek Him, knowing that as our Advocate, He is seated at the right hand of God, forever making intercession for us.

Three acts are recorded in this lesson — falling down, worshipping and offering — the first, an act of physical worship; the second, an expression of the soul; the third, a gift of material

goods. With these three, our bodies, our souls, our goods, we are to worship Him. Without them, all worship is but a lame and maimed sacrifice — neither fit for wise men to give, nor Christ to receive.

They presented unto Him gifts, according to an Oriental custom when paying visits to royalty: Setting forth greater truths than they knew, they offered to the Son of Man and Son of God, myrrh, the gift of death; the gold, gift for royalty; and frankincense, a token that breathes prayer and worship. (1) Myrrh to a mortal, (2) gold to a king, and (3) frankincense to God.

Myrrh — the Gift of Death. Myrrh is the most significant of the gifts that were brought to the Lord Jesus. The Greek word for *myrrh* is *smyrna*. This is the origin of the name of the great city of Smyrna. Myrrh was an article of commerce. At His first coming Christ came to suffer and to die as the prophets had foretold. The Magi, Wise Men, were students of the stars and lovers of God . . . by revelation they knew that Christ was born to die.

In Isaiah 60:1-6 we have a prophecy of the future glory of Jerusalem at the time of the return of the Lord. "Arise, shine; for Thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee . . . they shall bring gold and frankincense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord."

Do you catch the significance of this prophecy? When Christ comes again, God's Word tells us, that there shall be gifts brought to Him. What gifts? Gold and frankincense. When He came the first time, the Wise Men brought to His feet, gold, frankincense and myrrh. We might well wonder at this addition. Why did they bring Him myrrh? They brought myrrh because He had come into the earth to die, and myrrh was the sign of death. But when He comes again, though they bring Him gold and frankincense, there will be no myrrh. That, thank God, was finished forever at Calvary.

We know that those dear baby hands and feet were created, that they might be nailed to the cross. We know that that tiny forehead was in the manger, that it might later bear the crown of thorns on the cross. "A body hast Thou prepared Me" (Heb. 10:5), because that body was to be wrapped in myrrh. This was for you. His death was for you. This was the peace He brought to the earth, namely reconciliation with God. This was His gift to you. Will you take Him as your own, just now, in the quietness of this Christmas hour?

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